BUMC Students in Research

Students as Subjects

Targeted for enrollment:
1. Permission from the dean or appropriate authority
2. Student may not work for investigators for the study or be a student of the investigators

Students as Investigators

Students who go to work for research projects at other institutions (e.g., summer work)

Are they acting as an employee or agent* of BU/BUMC?
If "yes" and if they are engaged in the research, then BU/BUMC is engaged. Therefore, BU/BUMC must:
- review the research
- enter IAA with the other institution.

Most likely in this case, the student is "working" as part of the other institution's study staff, so BU/BUMC IRB review is not required, and they should be added to the other institution's IRB protocol.

* A BU/BUMC student is not necessarily acting as an agent of BU/BUMC.

Student Research (thesis or dissertation or original idea)

This must be submitted as a separate IRB protocol via INSPIR.

Student can be the PI, but a Faculty member is REQUIRED to be Co-investigator on the study and must sign off as Faculty Advisor on the protocol in INSPIR.

Student's study may be a sub-study of another researcher's study, but still needs separate INSPIR submission.

Study description must clearly state:
- it is a student project.
- who is the mentor.
- if it is a sub-study of another study.
- if there are any other BU/BMC students/faculty involved.

Usual process applies as with other non-student investigators.

These students can be added to a protocol using the amendment process and must meet training requirements.

Classroom experience

Purpose - students to learn the research process
Not physically or psychologically stressful, invasive
No more than minimal risk
Not accessing research or clinical databases/medical records containing identifiable data
Not designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge (no plans for publication)

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