

Office for Human Research Studies

Notice regarding IRB review of Stimulus Fund-related protocols

Dear DF/HCC Members:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is creating exciting funding opportunities for our faculty. This may include new awards, as well as the funding of scored but not funded applications.

DF/HCC wants to support our faculty by being proactive and supportive regarding IRB and SRC review of protocols related to such grants and to facilitate meeting tightened deadlines.

Here is some information to assist you:

1. For previously reviewed but unfunded grants:
 - If your grant is now being funded, please submit relevant protocols to the IRB as soon as possible.
 - Note: your program officer can advise if your previously reviewed grant now falls within the funding line.
2. For NIH Challenge Grants due April 27th
 - Please submit your protocol application at the same time that you submit your proposal to the NIH.

The Office for Human Research Studies (OHRS) has created procedures to help expedite the review of these protocols. Please note the following:

1. On Section IV, Funding, on the DFCI Protocol Front sheet, make sure to indicate STIMULUS application in the first column. This can be noted under "other."
2. For all non-intervention research that will be funded by STIMULUS funds, please e-mail Sara Harnish (Sara_Harnish@dfci.harvard.edu) to let her know that a new protocol has been submitted.

3. For all clinical intervention research that will be funded by STIMULUS funds, please e-mail Michele Russell-Einhorn (Michele_Russell-Einhorn@dfci.harvard.edu) so that she will know that your protocol has been submitted.

OHRS will take all possible steps to ensure that these protocols supported by Stimulus funds will be reviewed by the SRC and IRB in a timely fashion and that the increased activity level will not interfere with our usual review and approval protocols.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or experience difficulty during this period.

Thank you.

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