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TO: Deans, Directors, and Departmental Executive Officers

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RE: Updated IRB Fee Information for Industry-Sponsored Research

DATE: August 28, 2025

Dear Colleagues:

The Human Subjects Office and the Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) at the University of Iowa are committed to facilitating research while safeguarding the health and safety of research subjects. As the costs of administering these programs continue to rise, we will increase IRB fees for industry-funded and NIH-funded studies utilizing a single IRB (sIRB) of record model beginning November 1, 2025.

We are making these changes only after careful consideration. Please note:

- This is the first fee adjustment since FY22, with some IRB fees not increased since FY20.
- The updated rates remain consistent or lower than those currently charged by peer institutions.

Applications submitted before November 1, 2025, will be charged the previous rates.

Please note: This is just for industry-funded and NIH-funded sIRB studies where Iowa is serving as the lead IRB. We will continue to process reviews for the following type of studies **at no cost**:

- Departmental funded
- Internally funded
- Institutional grants/awards
- Federally funded projects not utilizing an sIRB
- State funded
- Private or nonprofit funded
- Other academic institutions or hospitals funded
- Unfunded research with a student Principal Investigator (PI)

Effective for budgets submitted after November 1, 2025, sIRB fees when the University of Iowa IRB is the lead IRB will be the following:

NIH Grant Applications: Fees will be included as allowed under NIH Policy NOT-OD-16-109.

- Greater Than Minimal Risk Research Fees:
 - Initial Review: \$3,000 per relying site (excluding the University of Iowa lead site).

- Continuing Review (Annually): \$1,500 per relying site (excluding the University of Iowa lead site).
- Minimal Risk Research Fees:
 - Initial Review: \$1,500 per relying site (excluding the University of Iowa lead site).
 - Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$1,000 per relying site annually (excluding the University of Iowa lead site).

Billing:

- Fees will be charged directly to the research project account once the MFK is available.
- It is the research team's responsibility to budget for IRB fees and request reimbursement from the sponsor.

IRB Administrative Fees – Industry-Sponsored Projects (External IRB)

- Initial Review: \$1,750
- Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$1,000

F&A Charges: Current Facilities & Administrative (F&A) rates apply, in accordance with the [University's Corporate & Industry Sponsored Clinical Trial Policy](#).

IRB Review Fees – Industry-Sponsored Studies (UI Biomedical IRB-01)

- Greater Than Minimal Risk:
 - Full Board Initial Review: \$3,000
 - Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$1,500
- Expedited Review:
 - Initial Review: \$1,500
 - Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$1,000
- Exempt Studies:
 - Initial Review: \$1000

Billing:

- Fees are charged directly to the research project account once the MFK is available.
- Research teams are responsible for budgeting IRB fees and requesting sponsor reimbursement.

F&A Charges: Current rates apply per the [University's Corporate & Industry Sponsored Clinical Trial Policy](#).

IRB Administrative Fees – VAHCS IRB (IRB-03)

- Full Board Initial Review: \$2,500
- Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$1,000
- Expedited Review:
 - Initial Review: \$1,000
 - Continuing (Annual or Biennial) Review: \$500
- Exempt Studies: No fee

Billing:

- Fees are charged to the VAHCS Administrative Office

We appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide high-quality IRB services at a reasonable cost while addressing rising operational expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact us at uirb-external@uiowa.edu. For more information about using an external IRB, commercial IRB, or sIRB review process, please visit the [Human Subjects Office website](#).