

Office of Research Compliance and Outreach (ORCO)

Mission – The mission of [the Office of Research Compliance and Outreach \(ORCO\)](#) is to support the scholarly research pursuits of Baruch College. ORCO ensures that Baruch affiliated research complies with federal and state regulations, university policies, and the highest ethical standards. ORCO is responsible for overseeing the compliance areas of human subjects, export control, research agreements, and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) administration. Compliance regulations and policies are applied in these areas independent of funding or sponsorship. ORCO provides oversight, administrative support, and compliance education to promote the understanding of compliance throughout the Baruch community.

HRPP Metrics for Spring 2023 Semester:

Baruch currently has 240 approved and active human subjects' projects. The adoption of the IRBManager system in fall 2021 allows ORCO to report quarterly statistics about the number of submissions and processing times.

The following are metrics for the Spring 2023 semester (Quarters 1 and 2):

HRPP Metrics		Q1/2023 1/1/23 – 3/30/23	Q2/2023 4/1/23 – 6/31/23
Submission Totals	Marxe	3	10
	Weissman	33	65
	Zicklin	8	32
	Total	44	107
Number of Faculty Submissions		24	44
Number of Student Submissions		19	63
Average Days Project was with HRPP Office (Also Average Days for Exempt Review)		3.68	2.25
Average Number of HRPP Review Cycles		2.02	1.43
Average Days Project was with Researcher		16.81	5.22 ¹
Average Days Project was with Advisor		3.20	5.08
Total Average Days for IRB Review (HRPP Coordinator/IRB Review)		4.96	3.98

Faculty IRB/HRPP Liaisons - The Office of the Provost appointed a new faculty IRB/HRPP Liaison. The liaison visits research methods classes, review draft proposals, and liaise with the [Office of Research Compliance and Outreach \(ORCO\)](#). Faculty may contact Professor [Christopher Stults](#) to schedule an in-class workshop or to assist in the development of research proposals.

¹ Average low due to large number of final reports submitted during Q2. 78 final reports were submitted.

Export Control – The export control regulations govern laboratory instruments, equipment, materials, software, technology, and technical data that can be transferred out of the country by any means (e.g., cargo shipment, hand-carried laptop content, courier, e-mail, and spoken communication), as well as that, can be accessed by foreign nationals present at our laboratories for whom certain export restrictions apply. Please contact [Keisha Peterson, Director of Research Compliance and Outreach](#) if you have any export control questions.

IACUC Protocol Administration: IACUC meetings occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month. To be placed on the monthly agenda, applications must be submitted for review no later than the 10th of the month. If you have questions regarding the IACUC review process please contact Mrs. Lesley G. Piccoli, Animal Research Compliance Specialist, at lpiccoli@gc.cuny.edu.

Human Subjects' Training & IRBManager Help Libraries: For researchers interested in learning about the IRB process please go to our [Human Subjects' Training Library](#). These videos cover a wide range of topics including assessing whether a project requires HRPP/IRB Review, assessing the level of review required for research, and creating a satisfactory application.

Instructional pdfs and videos for IRBManager are available in our [IRBManager Help Library](#).

Research Integrity Officer (RIO): Baruch has a designated Research Integrity Officer (RIO) who receives allegations of Research Misconduct involving faculty, staff, post-doctoral associates, or students at the College. Prof. Kristin Sommer has been serving in this capacity since Fall 2014. In addition to the responsibilities related to receiving, evaluating, and investigating allegations of misconduct, the RIO provides training to faculty, research administrators, post-doctoral associates, and students at the College to foster a research environment that adheres to highest ethical and moral standards. More information about this function and upcoming workshops are posted on the [RIO page](#).