

Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP)

The UCF University Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) was awarded continued full AAHRPP reaccreditation in December 2023, for an additional five years. UCF's HRPP has been AAHRPP accredited since September 2010.

The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP) accreditation is a gold standard recognizing adherence to a rigorous set of human subjects' protection standards that go beyond federal and state requirements. It communicates to the public the university's commitment to the protection of human participants in research and instills trust among our research collaborators.

The accreditation process involves an evaluation of the University of Central Florida Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and its standard operating procedures as well as the site visit, which is focused on interviews with selected members of the HRPP, including administrators, IRB members, investigators, and research staff.

Accreditation largely depends on how well UCF's policies and procedures address the AAHRPP standards and the interviews, which involve questions about research policies, process, and training. AAHRPP assesses our practices by going through our records, first. Then they assess our knowledge through interviews.

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