

UCF Research Community,

As many of you are already aware, UCF is currently undertaking a multi-year, multi-phased project focused on the University-wide restructuring of research administration business processes and technologies to support UCF's research enterprise. Known as Project Wahoo, this initiative includes the implementation of a new electronic research administration (eRA) system.

After feedback from our research community, UCF has chosen to implement an eRA system known as the Huron Research Suite. This software is comprised of a number of highly integrated solutions that will specialize in different facets of research administration. Over the next two years, the Office of Research, Graduate and Research IT, UCF IT, Finance and Administration and Huron Consulting Group will partner to launch the following Huron solutions:

- [Institutional Review Board \(IRB\)](#)
- [Grants](#)
- [Agreements](#)
- [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee \(IACUC\)](#)
- [Conflict of Interest \(COI\)](#)

Huron IRB will be the first solution implemented and will be made available to the research community on Dec. 21. Huron IRB will replace the current iRIS system. To ensure a smooth transition to the new system, the IRB staff will no longer be accepting new submissions within iRIS after Dec. 3. ***This freeze from Dec. 3-20, will provide the IRB team time to resolve any outstanding reviews as we shift to the new system. Therefore, please plan accordingly by either submitting new studies in iRIS before Dec. 3 or in the Huron IRB system after Dec. 21.***

In the coming weeks, the IRB team will be reaching out to the community with information related to training on the Huron IRB software. Additionally, more information will be provided on the nature and the scope of the studies that will be transferred from iRIS to Huron IRB.

We are excited about the improvements and benefits the new system will bring to UCF, and we appreciate your support as we move forward to modernize our research administration software. If you have any questions or concerns on the transition to the new system, please contact the IRB at 407-823-2901 or email irb@ucf.edu

Regards,

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More information on Project Wahoo can be found at: <http://wahoo.research.ucf.edu/>