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To: University of Oregon Research Community
From: Richard Linton, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies 
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Subject: **New Education Certification for Research Involving Human Subjects**

The University of Oregon's human research protection program (HRPP) was created to safeguard the rights and welfare of the participants who volunteer their involvement in research at this institution. As part of our HRPP commitment, we recently signed a new Federal-Wide Assurance with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), the Federal agency with oversight in this area. The assurance is a contract specifying our compliance with the Federal rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for engaging in human subjects' research.

One of the requirements is our certification of ongoing training of the relevant ethical principles and federal regulations regarding the conduct of human subjects' research. To meet these requirements, the University first began its certification program in October 2000. Many of you have participated in this program in the past. Certification has always been required of our faculty and student investigators, IRB members, research staff and appropriate personnel.

In order for the University to remain in compliance, we are implementing a standardized, on-line training program that is widely accepted and used by our sister institutions around the country. The Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) is now accessible via our research website at <http://uoregon.edu/~humansub/>. It was specifically chosen to provide faculty, research staff and students with the greatest ease of access and flexibility to complete the training over multiple sessions according to your schedule.

Beginning February 1, 2007, all researchers and faculty members who advise a student conducting human subjects research must complete the CITI training in order for his/her application to be approved. Any UO researchers/students who have already completed the NIH training module before February 1, 2007, will have a one-year grace period from the date of their NIH training certificate to complete the CITI modules. No NIH training certificates will be honored after February 1, 2008.

If you have questions regarding your current certification status or questions about the new certification program, please contact Juliana Kyrk, our IRB Program Officer, at jkyrk@orc.uoregon.edu or at 541-346-3106. I appreciate your support of and participation in our human research protection program.

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