

## Software for Online Submission of Research Proposals to Compliance Boards (IRBNet)

In addition to promoting the acquisition of external support for faculty and staff research and programmatic and creative endeavors, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is responsible for ensuring that CMU is fully compliant with a variety of research-related policies and procedures. The increasing complexity of the research process, the requirements of federal and state agencies, and the accountability of university personnel to colleagues, students, the university, and the larger community necessitate that CMU provide its research community with mechanisms that ensure that research is conducted in a manner that is compliant with all governing oversight offices.

To accomplish this goal, ORSP has adopted a software package called IRBNet that is designed to be open to the entire CMU research community and assists in the management and oversight that support IRB, IACUC, and other compliance boards with one unified solution.

- IRBNet will allow for online submission of research proposals involving humans and animals and will create required reporting documents for the oversight and regulatory offices.
- IRBNet is an enterprise-class, hosted toolset that is secure and accessible from anywhere, anytime on any platform. Users need only have an internet connection and a browser, thus making it possible for our off-campus programs to use this system for submission of proposals.
- ***IRBNet will be required for IRB submissions in Spring 2009.*** IACUC submissions will be available by the Fall Semester 2009.

Training will be offered via the ORSP website and scheduled workshops throughout the Spring 2009 Semester.