

Human Research Protections Program (HRPP)

What are the Roles and Responsibilities of Research Team Members?

There are multiple roles that may be assigned to an individual during the life cycle of a research protocol. Most of these roles may be easily defined as Principal Investigator (PI) or Project Director (PD), Sub-Investigator (SubI), Faculty Sponsor (FS), Study Coordinator (SC), Administrative Contact or other key personnel. There are other roles that may not be as easily defined.

Each role is required to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects and/or human derived materials. These protections may be tangible protections such as locks on doors to prevent unauthorized physical access or they may be as intangible as maintaining the highest level of confidentiality.

Investigator Responsibilities

Refer to the Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for information regarding the Principal Investigator.