

**The University of New Mexico IRB
invites a graduate student to serve as an IRB member**

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a diverse group of people who review and approve human research. The IRB is responsible for determining whether research projects meet ethical standards and appropriately protect research participants. The UNM IRB expands the diversity of the board by including one graduate student to serve as an IRB member for a 1-year term.

Expectations for Graduate Student IRB Members:

- Serve 1-year term (including summer)
- Complete mandatory member trainings
- Learn to apply regulations, ethical principles, local/state laws, and UNM policies to research
- Participate in continuing education and trainings organized by the Office of the IRB (OIRB)
- Attend the convened IRB meeting (typically 4th Wednesday of every month) and actively participate in the meeting discussions
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials and completing assigned reviews
- Maintain confidentiality of all IRB related business
- Communicate regularly with OIRB, IRB members, and IRB Chairs

Benefits of serving on the IRB:

- Networking opportunities with researchers and faculty from across UNM
- Partnership with a Human Subjects Research Ethics mentor
- Gain insight to the IRB process
- Unique professional development opportunity
- Get experience with a variety of topics that may impact your own research
- Volunteer opportunity to give service to UNM and contribute to UNM's research mission

To serve on the IRB, you must be a UNM Graduate or Professional student that will be enrolled at UNM during the Spring and Fall semesters of 2025 and must have some experience with human research. Participation during the summer semester is expected but students are not required to be enrolled in classes.

To apply for IRB membership, please complete and provide the following:

1. Graduate Student IRB Member Application
2. A current CV or resume
3. A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor or department chair

Email your application packet to:

IRBMainCampus@unm.edu

by January 10, 2025