

Huron IRB 10.5 Self-Guided Training for Investigators

- Overview of Huron IRB at the UNM Health Sciences
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Overview of Huron IRB at the UNM Health Sciences



The UNM Health Sciences Human Research Protections Office (HRPO) uses Huron IRB to electronically process human subjects research applications (herein IRB submissions) for review by the Human Research Review Committee (HRRC).

Huron IRB is intended to help investigators:

- Collaborate on the application process and reduce delays in routing and review.
- Receive notifications of important milestones and actions on a submission.
- Reduce errors and compliance risk.
- Manage the entire study cycle, end-to-end.

Accessing Huron IRB

- After you have completed this training and submitted the IRB account management request, an IRB account manager will send you an email that will contain your account information.
- The IRB account manager will set up your account with specific roles in the system:
 - **Study staff** individual who is listed as a study team member; can create and edit a submission.
 - **Principal investigator (PI)** individual who is listed as the principal investigator on a study; can submit a new study submission; receives communications about a submission.
 - This role is assigned to individuals that are eligible to be PI at the UNM Health Sciences. For first-time users, the individual must work with the HRPO to request the "Principal Investigator" role.
- You may access the Huron IRB system from any device that is connected to the internet.

Basic Activities

Your role in the system and affiliation with a submission will determine the information you may access as well as the level of activities you may perform.

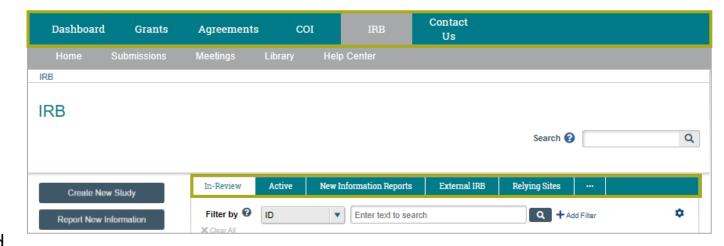
- As a guest on a study, you may view the study.
- As a **primary contact** on a study, you may view the study and receive notifications related to the study and follow-on submissions.
- As a **study team member**, you may create a new study submission, edit the submission, and attach documents. You may also create follow-on submissions for approved studies.
- As a **PI proxy**, you may submit follow-on submissions and respond to clarification requests on behalf of the principal investigator.
- As a **principal investigator** on a study, you may submit a submission to the HRPO for processing and respond to any requests for clarifications or modifications.
- For most submissions, you may add comments to communicate with study contacts and the HRPO staff, as well as run reports.



Navigation and Workspaces

Navigation

- The primary navigation menu contains links to system workspaces: COI, Grants, Agreements, and IRB.
- The IRB and the Dashboard are the primary tabs to perform many tasks.
 - The IRB tab allows you to toggle between IRB submission-specific workspaces: Study, Submission, and Site.
 - The **Dashboard** tab allows you to locate **My Inbox**, **My Reviews**, and pinned studies in the left hand navigation.



Workspaces

- IRB uses workspaces to organize information and activities.
- The following slides provide an overview of the workspaces you will see in the IRB system and the activities you may perform within each workspace.

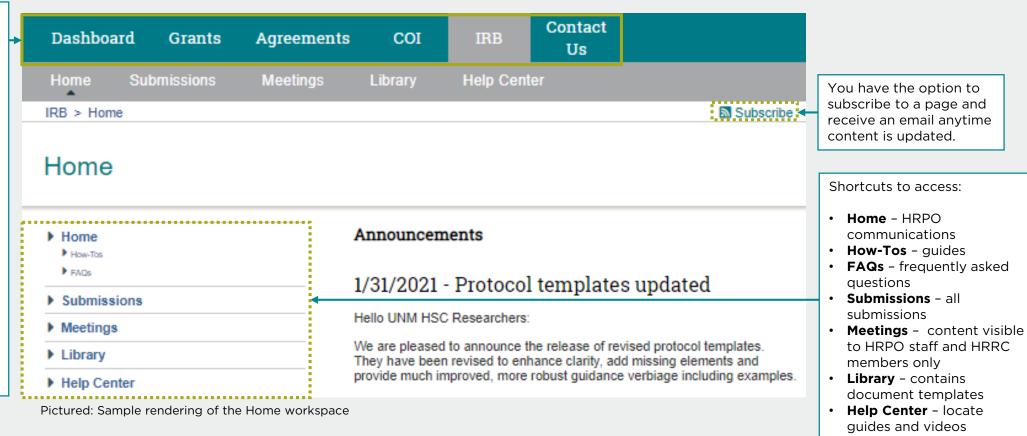
Home

The **Home workspace** provides access to posted announcements, and training opportunities.

Top navigation menu:

- Dashboard- Starting point for finding items and performing tasks
 - Subtabs My Inbox/ My Reviews
- Grants Grants submission system
- Agreements Agreements submission system
- COI COI submission system
- IRB IRB submission system

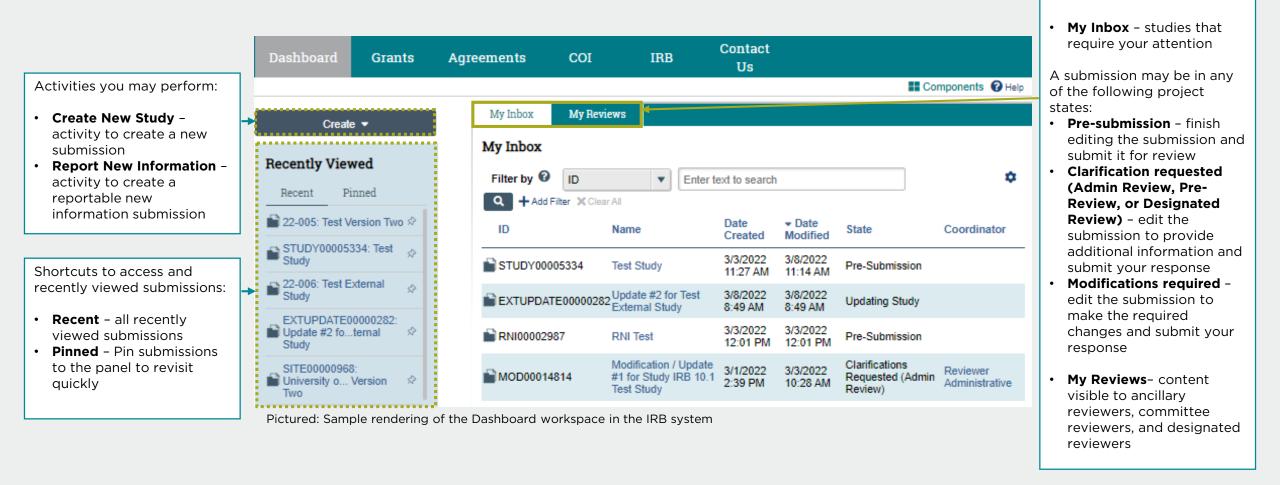
Note: User can navigate between systems only if using the same User ID and has active account on each system.





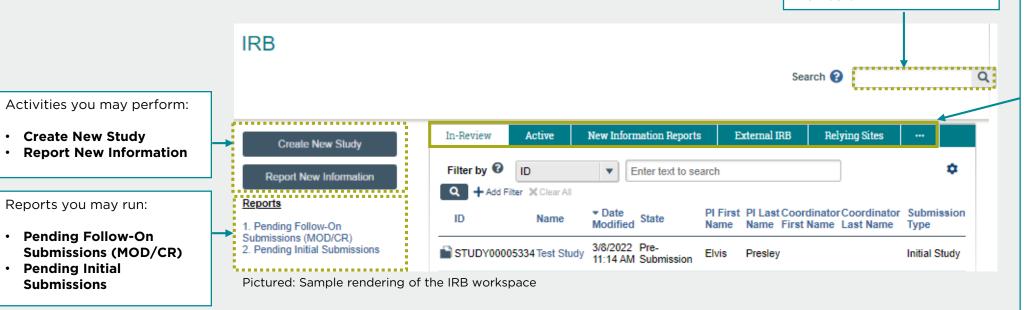
Dashboard |

The **Dashboard workspace or "Dashboard tab"** is the starting point for finding items and performing many basic tasks.



IRB

The **IRB workspace** contains all IRB submissions that have been entered into the system and you have permission to access.



If you have many submissions, you may use the **Filter by** section to filter submissions by ID, name, date created or modified, state, or coordinator.

Search - use search to locate

information by attributes e.g.,

ID, study title, protocol documents, research

locations, study team

members

Submissions are sorted in the tabbed sections:

- In-Review all submissions that are under-going HRRC review
- Active all active HRRC studies
- New Information Reports

 all reportable new

 information submissions
- External IRB all studies managed by an external IRB
- Relying Sites all participating sites relying on the HRRC as the single IRB of record

Click the ellipsis to see:

- All Submissions all submissions and studies
- Archived all submissions that are no longer active (e.g., closed, disapproved, discarded, and terminated).



Submission |

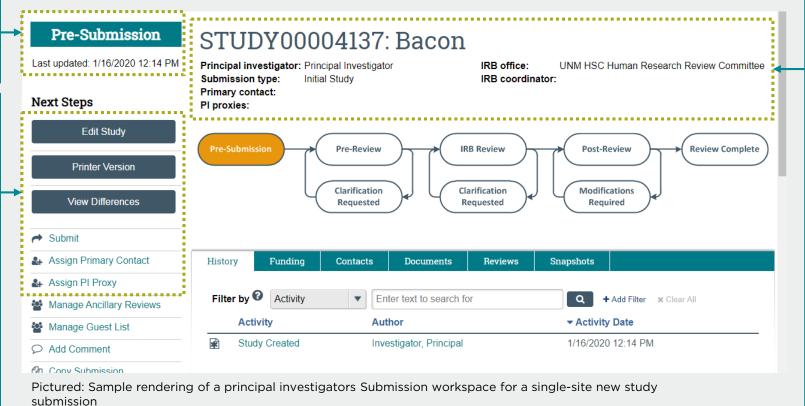
The **Submission workspace** appears for submissions that have been created and saved.

At a glance, you can see:

- **Project state** state of the submission
- Last updated date the submission was last updated

Activities you may perform:

- Edit Study continue editing the submission
- Printer Version open a printer-friendly view of the entire submission
- View Differences review changes between versions of the submission
- Submit available to PI to submit the submission to the HRPO
- Assign Primary Contact available to PI to designate any user to receive communications related to the submission
- Assign PI Proxy available to PI to grant study team member(s) to submit on behalf of the local principal investigator



- Submission ID: Name automatically generated submission ID followed by the name of the submission
- Principal investigator individual named as the principal investigator on the study
- Submission type type of submission (e.g., Initial Study, Site, Follow-On, Reportable New Information, etc.)
- Primary contact individual designated to receive communications
- PI proxies study team member(s) delegated to act as PI proxy
- IRB office UNM HSC Human Research Review Committee
- IRB coordinator assigned HRPO staff member

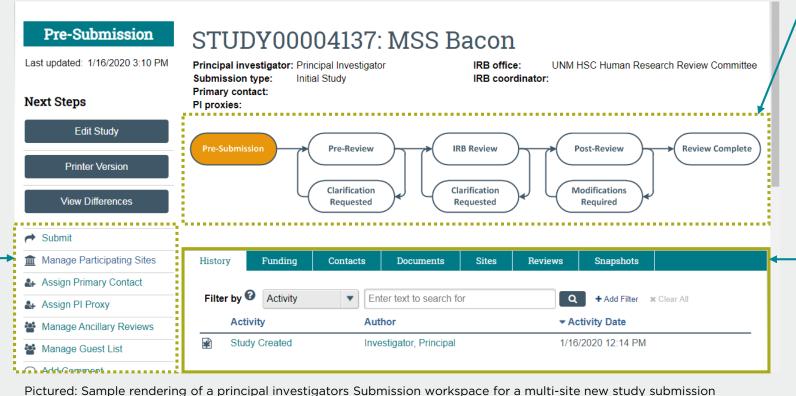


Submission |

The information, activities, and tabs in a **Submission** workspace will change based on the type and project state of a submission as well as your affiliation with the submission.

More activities you may perform:

- Manage Participating
 Sites available on multi site study submissions to
 add participating sites
- Manage Ancillary Reviews
 grant department or
 scientific reviewers to
 review the submission
- Manage Guest List grant non-study team members permission to view submission
- Add Comment –
 communication tool to be
 used by study team and
 HRPO staff
- Copy Submission duplicate the submission
- Discard remove the submission from IRB review
- Manage Relationships add a related project, such as an agreement and/or grant



graphic that shows where your submission is in relation to the review process.

Submission tabs:

- History lists activities taken on a submission
- Funding lists the funding source(s) identified on the funding sources page
- Contacts lists the study team member(s) identified on the study team page
- Sites available on multisite study submissions to list participating sites
- Documents lists
 documents that have been
 attached to the study
- Reviews lists ancillary reviews
- **Snapshots** lists all versions of the submission



Submission (Site) |

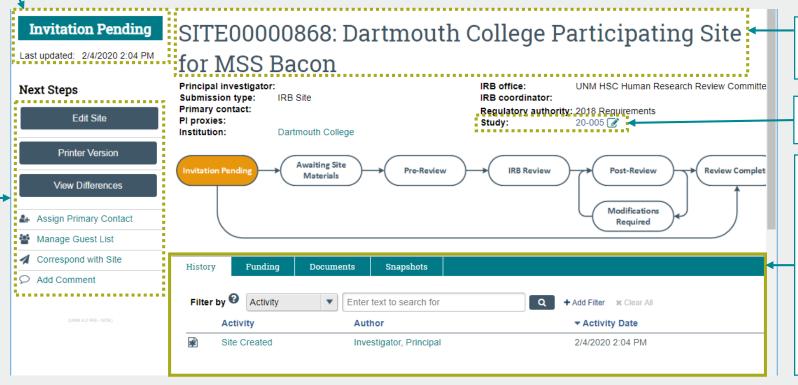
The **Submission (site) workspace** appears for site submissions that are associated with a multi-site study.

At a glance, you can see:

- Project state state of the submission
- Last updated date the submission was last updated

Activities you may perform:

- Edit Site edit site record
- Printer Version printerfriendly version of study record
- View Differences changes between versions
- Assign Primary Contact
- Manage Guest List
- Correspond with Site
- Add Comment



 Site ID: Name - HRRC site number, followed by the site name for the study

• **Study** - Access the HRRC study workspace.

Site tabs:

- History lists activities taken on a submission
- Funding lists the funding source(s) identified on the funding sources page
- Documents lists documents that have been attached to the study and site
- Snapshots lists all versions of the submission

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission (site) workspace for a new external participating site for a HRRC approved multi-site new study (i.e., UNM HSC is the lead sIRB).



Study |

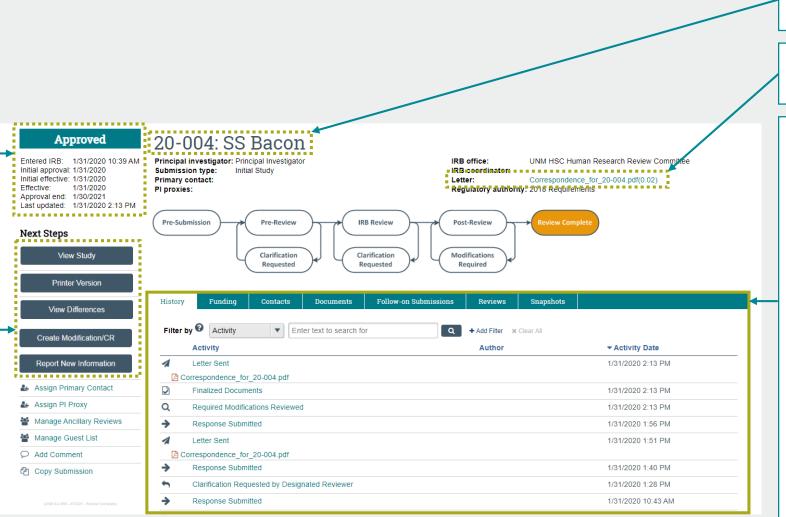
At a glance, you can see:

- Project state state of the submission
- Entered IRB date the submission submitted to the HRPO
- Initial approval date the HRRC approved the study
- Initial effective date the HRRC initially approved the study
- Effective date the submission is effective
- Approval end date the study approval expires
- Last updated date the submission was last updated

Activities you may perform:

- View Study view study record
- Printer Version printerfriendly version of study record
- View Differences changes between versions
- Create Modification/CR create a modification or continuing review submission
- Report New Information create a new reportable new information submission

The **Study workspace** appears for new study submissions that have received an official HRRC determination.



 Study ID: Name - HRRC study number, followed by the short title of the study

 Letter - View/download the HRRC determination letter.

Study tabs:

- History lists activities taken on a submission
- Funding lists the funding source(s) identified on the funding sources page
- Contacts lists the study team member(s) identified on the study team page
- Sites available on multisite study submissions to list participating sites
- Documents lists documents that have been attached to the study
- Follow-on Submissions lists all modification, continuing review, and reportable new information submissions
- Reviews lists ancillary reviews
- Snapshots lists all versions of the submission

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Study workspace for a HRRC approved single-site new study



IRB Site |

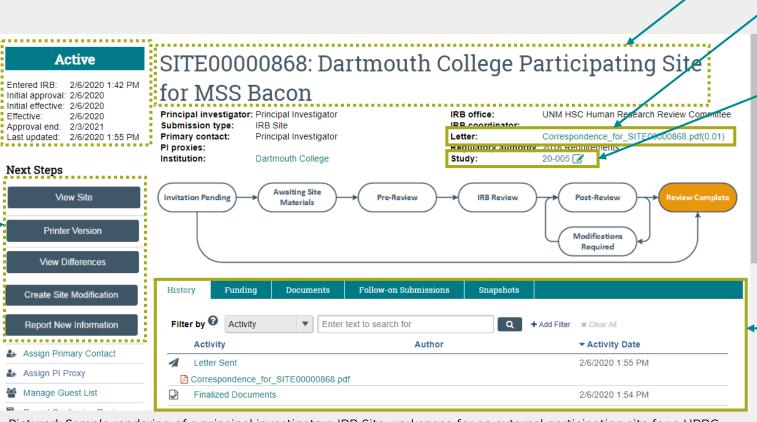
The **IRB Site workspace** appears for site submissions that have been activated.

At a glance, you can see:

- Project state state of the submission
- Entered IRB date the submission submitted to the HRPO
- Initial approval date the HRRC approved the site
- Initial effective date the HRRC initially approved the site
- Effective date the submission is effective
- Approval end date the site approval expires
- Last updated date the submission was last updated

Activities you may perform:

- View Site view site record
- Printer Version printerfriendly version of site record
- View Differences changes between versions
- Create Site Modification create a modification submission
- Report New Information create a new reportable new information submission



 Study ID: Name - HRRC site number, followed by the site name for the study

 Letter - View/download the HRRC determination letter.

• **Study** - Access the HRRC study workspace.

Site tabs:

- History lists activities taken on a submission
- Funding lists the funding source(s) identified on the funding sources page
- Documents lists
 documents that have been
 attached to the study and
 site
- Follow-on Submissions lists all modification and reportable new information submissions
- Snapshots lists all versions of the submission

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators IRB Site workspace for an external participating site for a HRRC approved multi-site new study (i.e., UNM HSC is the lead sIRB).



IRB Site |

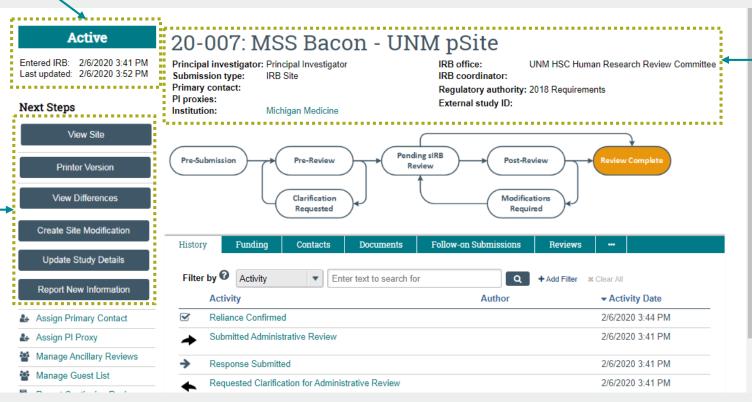
At a glance, you can see:

- Project state state of the submission
- Entered IRB date the submission submitted to the HRPO
- Last updated date the submission was last updated

Activities you may perform:

- View Site view site record
- Printer Version printerfriendly version of site record
- View Differences changes between versions
- Create Site Modification create a modification submission
- Update Study Details
- Report New Information create a new reportable new information submission

The information, activities, and tabs in the **IRB Site** workspace will change based on which institution is the lead.



- Study ID: Name HRRC site number, followed by the site name
- Principal investigator individual named as the principal investigator on the study
- Submission type type of submission (e.g., Initial Study, Site, Follow-On, Reportable New Information, etc.)
- Primary contact individual designated to receive communications
- PI proxies study team member(s) delegated to act as PI proxy
- Institution lead institution
- IRB office UNM HSC Human Research Review Committee
- IRB coordinator assigned HRPO staff member
- Regulatory authority
- External study ID appears for external IRB studies/sites

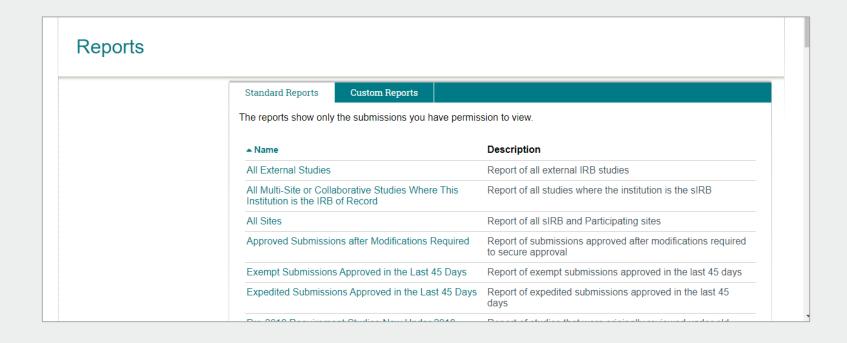
Next: IRB Reports

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators IRB Site workspace for an internal participating site (i.e., UNM HSC is the pSite) for an external approved multi-site new study.



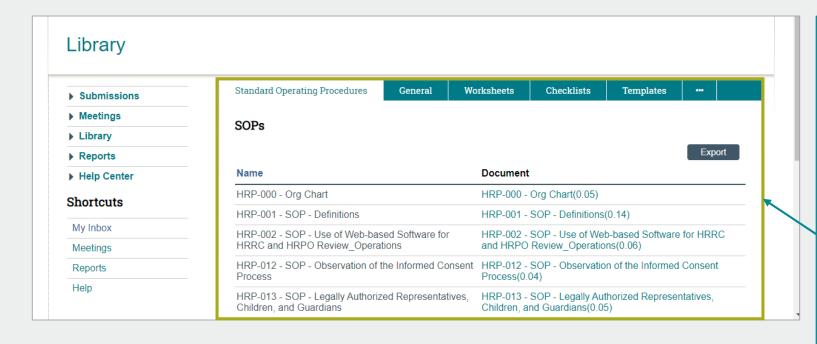
IRB Reports

The **IRB Reports workspace** lists reports that allow you to query submissions you have permission to view.



IRB Library |

The **IRB Library workspace** contains downloadable materials specific to this institution and the IRB.



Library tabs:

- Standard Operating Procedures – lists documented processes
- General lists documents specific to the human research protections program
- Worksheets lists documents the HRPO and HRRC use to conduct reviews
- Checklists lists documents the HRPO and HRRC use to conduct reviews
- Templates lists templates for protocol, consent, HIPAA, etc.

Click the ellipsis to see:

- Forms lists IRB submission attachments
- HRRC Training Info lists training videos



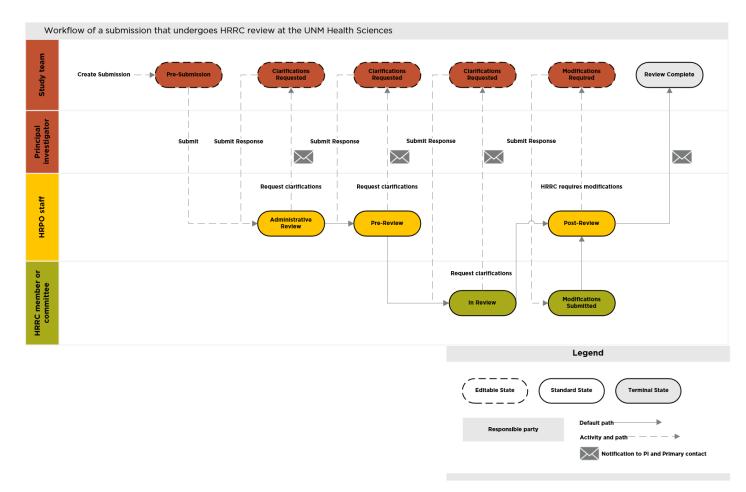
Walk-through a new single-site study submission

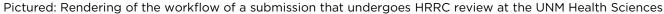
As a submission moves through the process, the principal investigator and primary contact will receive email notifications regarding requests and status updates from:



MSC-HRPO@salud.unm.edu

The following slides demonstrate the submission and non-committee review process of a single-site new study submission using Huron IRB.



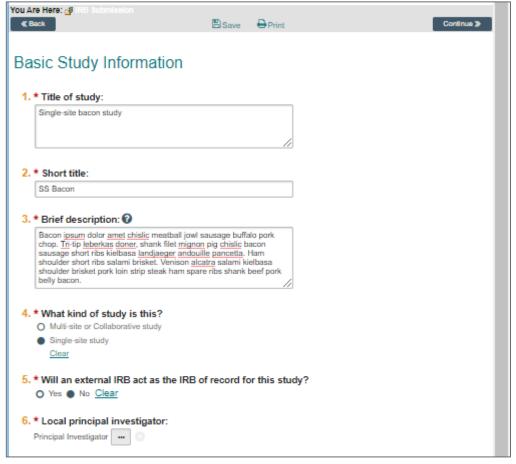




Create New Study - - - - - - - Pre-Submission

A study team member or principal investigator may create and edit a new study submission.

- From the My Inbox or IRB workspace, click the Create New Study button.
 - This will open a draft IRB submission that you may edit.
- Complete the pages and click the **Continue** button to advance to the next page.
- 3. On the final page, click the **Finish** button.
 - This will save the submission and return you to the submission workspace.



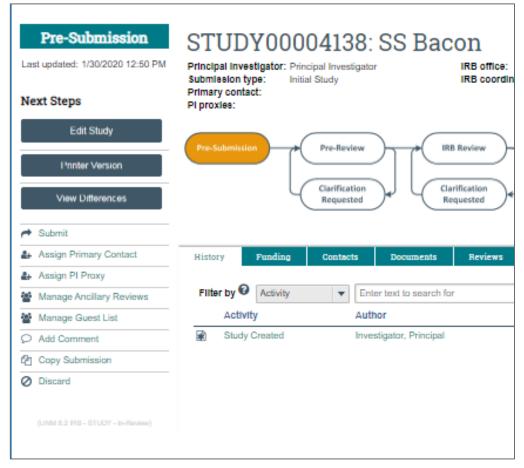
Pictured: Sample rendering of the Basic Study Information form



After the study team has completed all of the pages, the principal investigator may submit the submission.

- 4. From the **submission workspace**, click the **Submit** link.
 - The system will check the submission for errors and allow you to complete missing information.
- 5. Click the **OK** button to agree to the terms.
 - The system will advance the submission to the next project state, Administrative Review.

IMPORTANT: The listed principal investigator must have the "Principal Investigator" user role assigned to their IRB account in order to submit the study. This role requires PI eligibility verification by the HRPO.



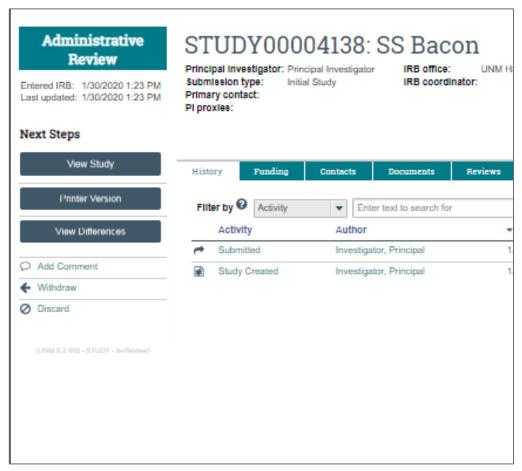
Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Pre-Submission"



Administrative Request Clarifications

During **Administrative Review**, a HRPO staff member conducts a cursory check of your submission to ensure minimum requirements have been met to begin pre-review.

When the submission is considered satisfactory, the submission will advance to the next state, **Pre-Review**.



Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Administrative Review"

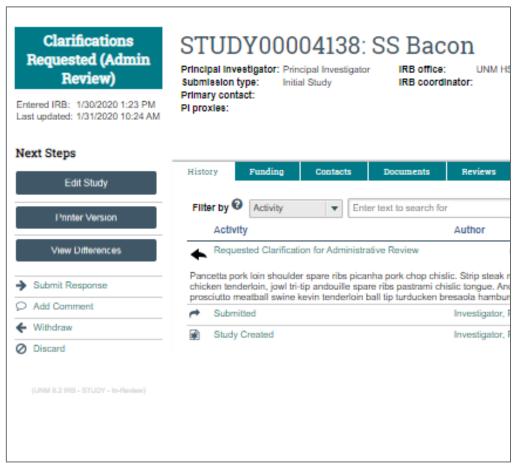




Clarifications Requested (Admin Review)

If the submission is considered incomplete, a notification will be sent to the principal investigator and the primary contact. The submission will be returned in a "clarifications requested" state so that you may address the issues.

- Refer to the **History** tab to review the details of the request.
- 2. Click the **Edit Study** button to open the study record and make requested changes.
- 3. After you have addressed all issues, click the **Submit Response** link.
- 4. Click the **OK** button to submit your response.
 - The system will advance the submission to the previous project state, Administrative Review.



Submit Response

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Clarifications Requested (Admin Review)



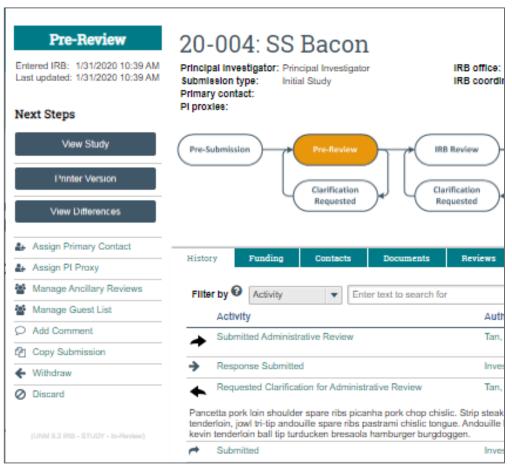
Pre-Review — — — — Request — — — — Clarifications

During **Pre-Review**, a HRPO staff member conducts a preliminary review of your submission to ensure minimum requirements have been met to review.

When the submission is considered complete, the submission will advance to the next state, **Pre-Review Completed**.

The HRPO staff will then route your submission for the appropriate review:

- Non-Committee Review review by a HRRC chair
- Committee Review review by a convened HRRC committee



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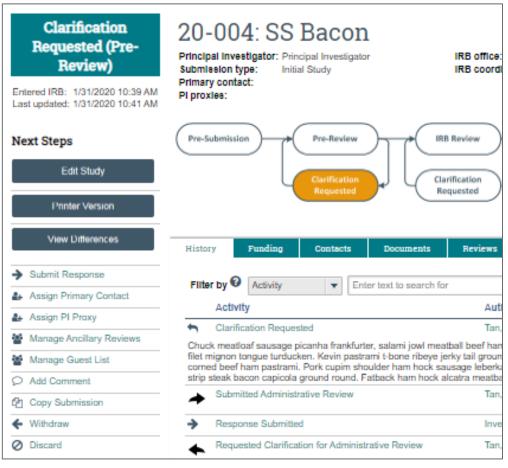




Clarification Requested (PreReview)

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- 2. Click the **Edit Study** button to open the study record and make requested changes.
- 3. After you have addressed all issues, click the **Submit Response** link.
- 4. Click the **OK** button to submit your response.
 - The system will advance the submission to the previous project state, Pre-Review.



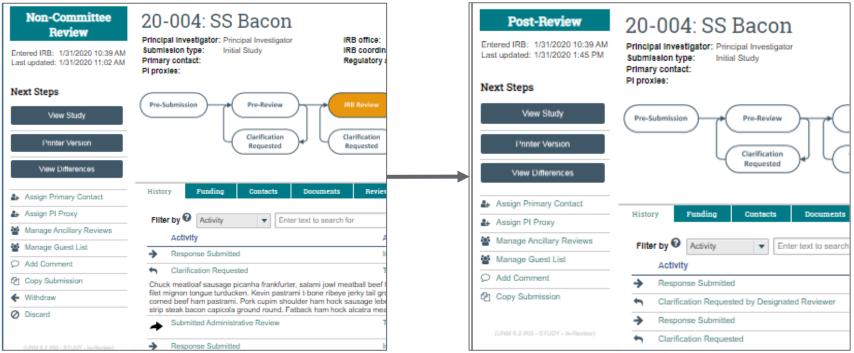
Submit Response

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Clarification Requested (Pre-Review)"





During **In-Review**, the Human Research Review Committee chair or the convened committee, will review your submission and make a determination based on the information and materials submitted. Once a determination has been made, your submission will advance to the next state, **Post-Review**, where the HRPO staff will finalize the submission.



Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Non-Committee Review" and "Post-Review"

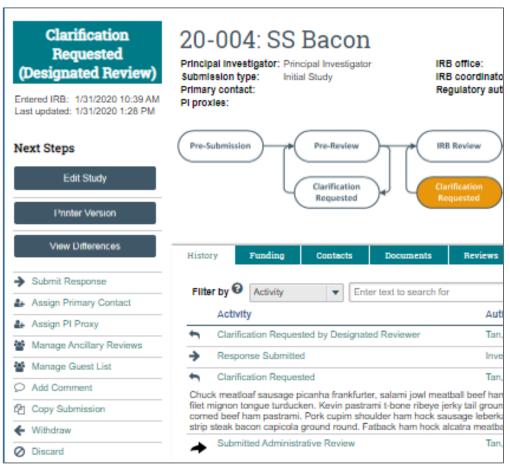




Clarifications Requested (Designated Review)

If the submission requires more information by a designated reviewer to make a determination, a notification will be sent to the principal investigator and the primary contact. The submission will be returned in a "clarifications requested" state so that you may address the issues.

- 1. Refer to the **History** tab to review the details of the request.
- 2. Click the **Edit Study** button to open the study record and make requested changes.
- 3. After you have addressed all issues, click the **Submit Response** link.
- 4. Click the **OK** button to submit your response.
 - The system will advance the submission to the previous project state, Non-Committee Review.



Submit Response

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Clarifications Requested (Designated Review)"



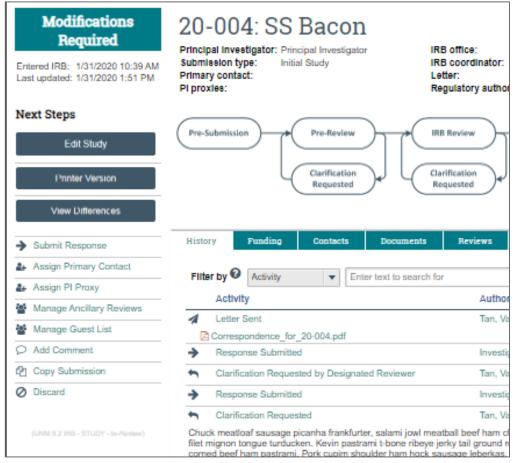




Modifications Required

If the submission requires modifications to secure approval, a notification will be sent to the principal investigator and the primary contact. The submission will be returned in a "modifications required" state so that you may address the issues.

- Refer to the **History** tab to access the HRRC determination letter that outlines the details of the requirements.
- 2. Click the **Edit Study** button to open the study record and make required modifications.
- 3. After you have addressed all issues, click the **Submit Response** link.
- Click the **OK** button to submit response.
 - The system will advance the submission to the next project state, **Modifications Submitted**.



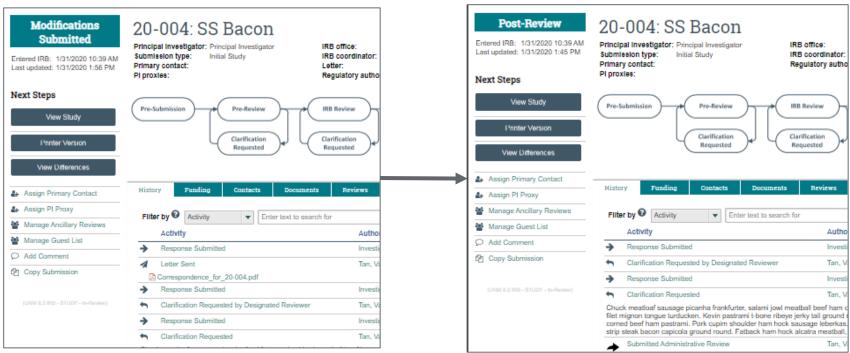
Submit Response

Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Modifications Required"



Modifications Submitted Post-Review

During **Modifications Submitted**, the Human Research Review Committee chair will review your submission and make a determination based on the information and materials submitted. Once a determination has been made, your submission will advance to the next state, **Post-Review**, where the HRPO staff will finalize the submission.



Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Submission workspace in "Modifications Required" and "Post-Review"

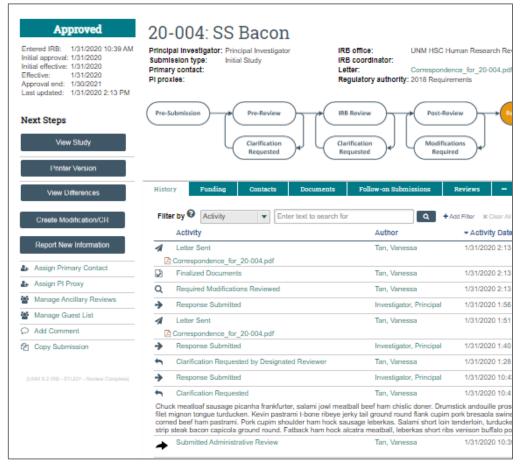




Review Complete

After your submission has been finalized, a notification will be sent to the principal investigator and the primary contact. Your submission will enter a terminal "review complete" state (e.g., Approved, External IRB, Active, Disapproved, Deferred, etc.). In the study workspace:

- Refer to the **History** tab to access the HRRC determination letter that outlines the details about the determination.
- Click the **Documents** tab to download finalized study documents.
- If the study is "Approved," the principal investigator may execute the **Assign PI Proxy** activity to delegate an approved study team member to act as PI proxy.



Pictured: Sample rendering of a principal investigators Study workspace in "Approved"



IRB Submission Help



Documents to download from the IRB Library:

Investigator Manual Huron IRB Investigator Submission Guide

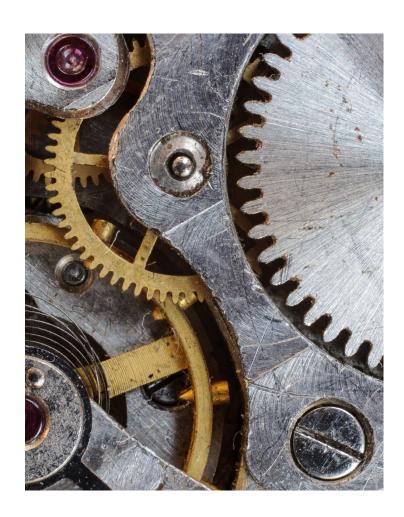
General questions and IRB consults, contact:

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