Web Based Insitutuional Review Board (IRB) Submission Process, Coming November 17th

November 17, 2014, will mark the launch of Buck-IRB, the next step toward a fully electronic process for exempt and Institutional Review Board (IRB) submission and review. Buck-IRB is web-based and uses smart-form technology, which will streamline the application completion process by showing the investigator only the portions of the application that are relevant to the specific materials being submitted. Research-related documents (e.g., consent forms and survey instruments) will also be uploaded and stored in the new electronic Buck-IRB system.

It is important to know that on November 17, 2014, Buck-IRB will replace IRB Submit as the process for submitting materials for all new and active studies. Investigators with currently approved studies will be asked to complete a one-time, short “survey” at the time of the next amendment or continuing review to load basic information about the project (e.g., study population, participant numbers, etc.) into the system.

In the coming weeks, training sessions will be offered to prepare you to use Buck-IRB. We will let you know when these sessions become available, and encourage you to take advantage of these sessions so that you are ready for the transition. If your department or research unit would like to request a training session for your area, please contact Susan Ebert, e-IRB program director, at 614-292-0184 or ebert.55@osu.edu.

User guides and training materials for Buck-IRB will be available on the ORRP website in the near future. This new system will improve the IRB submission process for investigators and should also help to reduce screening timelines in the review process. We look forward to working with you as we roll out Buck-IRB.
Happy November Birthdays!

- November 10th – Diane Sommers
  Program Assistant – Fairfield County

Open Enrollment 10/27-11/7 (Source: onCampus Today)

In advance, be sure to use the resources available to faculty/staff:
- Review informed Enrollment Statement (Available to faculty/staff hired and enrolled prior to June, 1, 2014) arriving in home mailboxes after October 9
- Register now to attend an Open Enrollment forum (Meetings are Oct. 8-31)(Pre-registration is required)
- Review Open Enrollment booklet arriving in home mailboxes after Oct. 17.

Read more: mybenefitsplan.osu.edu

Boot Camps Schedule 2015

The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

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Annual Conference Reminders

If you are staying overnight during the December 9-11 OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium, book your hotel rooms soon! You may book at the hotel of your choice, however we have blocks of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express and Hilton Garden Inn both located on Olentangy River Road. Also the Varsity Inn (located near Riverside Hospital on Olentangy River Road). These blocks of rooms having reduced rates are about to expire.

• The Holiday Inn Express on Olentangy River Road rooms are $109.99 per night; for more information, please click here. This offer ends November 8.

• The Hilton Garden Inn rooms are $115 per night; for more information, please click here. This offer ends November 10.

• You must call the Varsity Inn North to make a reservation (740-267-4646); rooms are $57 per night. Our discount code is OSU129. This offer ends November 4.

Provost’s Discovery Themes Lecturer Program: “The Flight from Conversation” - November 20:

The Provost’s Discovery Themes Lecturer Program will feature Sherry Turkle, “The Flight from Conversation,” on Thursday, November 20 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Ohio Union East Ballroom. Turkle is the Abby Rockefeller Mauze Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology in the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at MIT and founder and current director of the MIT Initiative on Technology and Self. Co-sponsored with the Humanities Institute and the Department of Sociology. Read more at: go.osu.edu/SherryTurkle

BETHA grant competition call for proposals... (Via onCampus)

Ohio State faculty are invited to apply for the annual Battelle Engineering, Technology and Human Affairs Endowment awards. The annual grant competition, established in 1975 with a gift from Battelle Memorial Institute, funds three to six projects that examine the impact of science and technology on individuals and society. Emphasis is placed on educational and public service programs and collaborative projects. Awards range from $10,000 to $60,000. The deadline for proposal submission is Tuesday (11/25) at 5 p.m.

Read more: go.osu.edu/betha
Contact: betha@research.osu.edu