

A close-up, black and white photograph of a microscope lens. The lens is the central focus, showing its cylindrical shape and the fine ridges on its barrel. The background is blurred, showing other parts of the microscope's structure.

Facilitating Research at Harvard: An Overview

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Vision

Develop and integrate innovative IT solutions for researchers and administrators to meet current and future regulatory changes while reducing administrative burden. These solutions support our goal to consistently facilitate the University's research mission from the financial, compliance, and administrative perspectives.

Responsibilities of the Research Administration Team

- Managing the Effort Reporting System (ecrt)
- Electronic Submission Tracking and Reporting (ESTR - IRB)
- Data User Agreements (DUA)
- Research Data Safety
- Outside Activities and Interest Reporting (OAIR)

Maximize responsiveness to regulation changes

Increase transparency

Improve data integrity

Streamline processes

Address gaps and duplications

Reduce administrative burden

Research Compliance Suite

Data Safety

Harvard's Data Safety system supports the submission, review and management of data use across the University.

ESTR-IRB

Electronic Submission Tracking and Reporting (ESTR) is a system designed for University-wide use by the Harvard Institutional Review Boards (IRBs).

Agreements

Harvard's Data Use Agreement (DUA) system supports the submission, review and management of DUAs across the University.

Huron Research Suite offers a software application to support the grant lifecycle and ensure regulatory compliance with federal and university requirements.

Harvard Research Administration and Compliance Suite

Summary of HRDSP Applications with Order of Reviews

Selecting the starting system
(also see [Application Use Overview](#))



Create a submission here when:

- The sponsored award review process requires it (there are special requirements or Sensitive data exchange with subawardees);
- The project involves the management of DSL 3, 4, 5 or Sensitive data (because it is known, or the IRB determines it); or
- A DUA is needed



Create a submission here when:

- A project meets the definition of Human Subjects Research; or
- The funder requires documentation of IRB review

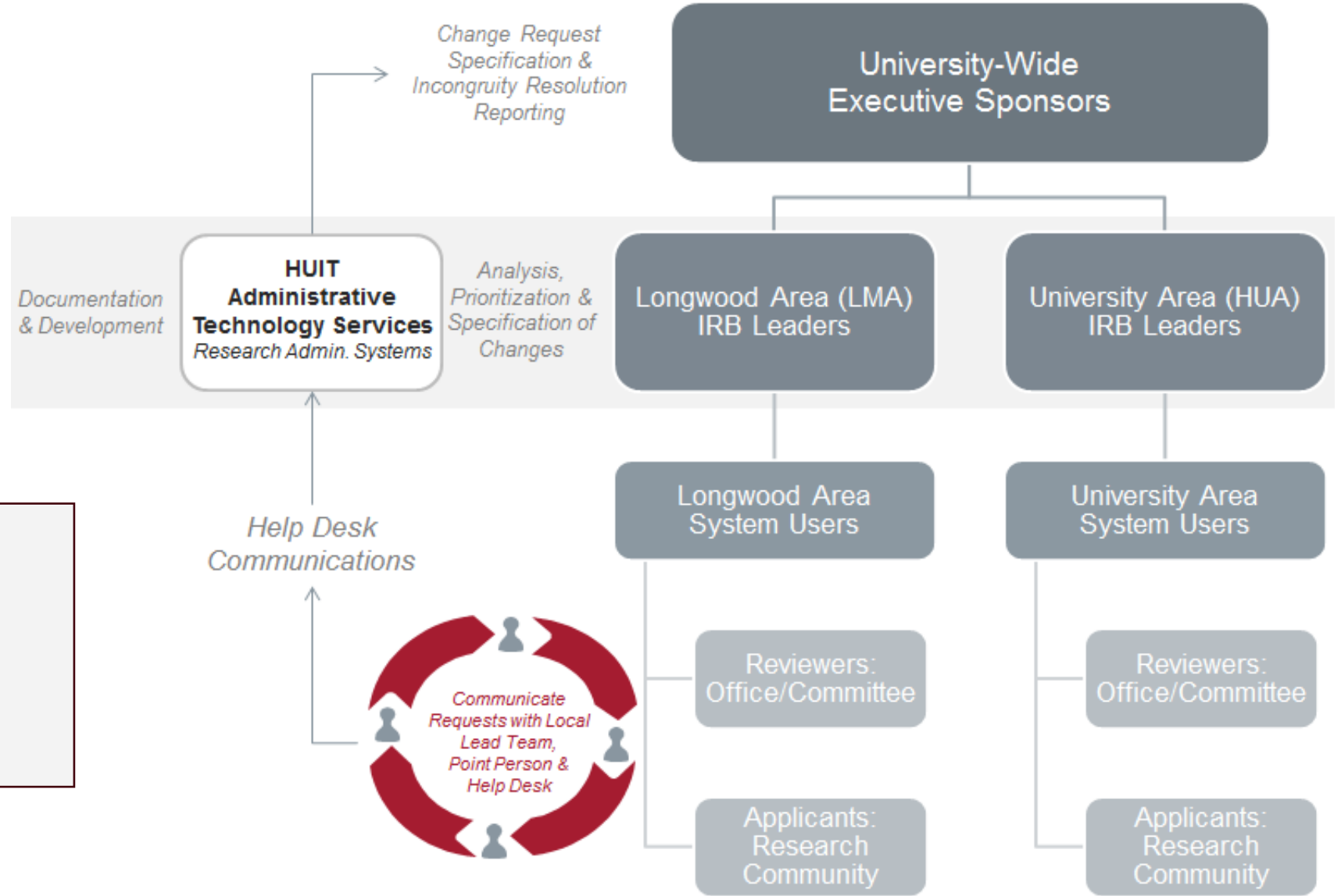


Create a submission here when:

- there will be a data exchange with a third party and -
 - There are restrictions on the use, handling, security, etc.;
 - or
 - The data is Sensitive; or
 - The data is DSL 3, 4, or 5

<https://research.harvard.edu/research-policies-compliance/research-data-management/>
<https://hcsra.sph.harvard.edu/policies-guidance>

Governance



Governance: Administered by the Research Administration Systems team in cooperation with the business users and steering committees across all campuses.

Technology Enablement

Partnership with Business Units: Enhancing grants management via technology solutions

Our Services: Spanning project delivery, product management, and comprehensive user support.

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System Information

SUPPORT SITE

Links to application information.

- Research Administration Portal
- GMAS: Grants Management System
- PI Dashboard
- ESTR-IP: External Service Reporting for Institutional Review Boards
- Agreements: Data Agreements for Data Use Agreements
- Data Safety
- OAIR: Outside Activity and Interest Reporting

Agreements Application Information

Data Safety Application Information

ESTR Application Information

GMAS Application Information

OAIR Application Information

PI Dashboard Application Information

Research Administration Portal

RACR - Reporting and Analytics

HOW TO REPORT AN ISSUE

Contact HUIT Help Desk at ithelp@harvard.edu or (617) 495-7777 to report a system issue or identify a system enhancement.

If you have questions or concerns regarding new research administration technology or solutions reach out to Simone Alpen at Simone_Alpen@harvard.edu.

ALERTS & PLANNED OUTAGES

There are no planned system outages at this time.

Questions:

Office hours

- Tuesdays: 10:00am ET - 11:00am ET
- Thursdays: 3:00 pm ET - 4:00 pm ET

1. [Visit the Bookings page \(linked here\)](#)
2. Choose a time. Available times (not already booked) will be displayed in 30-minute increments.
3. Share your name and email
4. Click "Book" at the bottom of the page.

After completing the steps through Bookings, you will receive a confirmation email/calendar invitation reserving the time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at estrhhelp@harvard.edu

Thank you!