Dear TU Research Community:

On June 19, 2018 – The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and 16 Other Federal Departments and Agencies Announce an Additional Six Months Delay of the General Compliance Date of the 2018 Common Rule to January 21, 2019.

On June 19, 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and 16 other federal departments and agencies published, in the Federal Register, the additional 6-month delay of the general compliance date to the 2018 Common Rule regulations to January 21, 2019. The Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (generally referred to as “the Common Rule”, regulates federally funded or conducted research. This additional delay will provide regulated institutions with additional time to prepare to implement these revisions to their federally funded/conducted research.

The one exception to this general rule is that regulated institutions will be permitted (but not required) to implement, for certain research, three burden-reducing provisions of the 2018 requirements (starting on July 19, 2018 through January 20, 2019) for federally funded or conducted research. The University of Tulsa will be implementing these burden-reducing provisions to federally funded research, including:

1. The revised definition of “research” which deems certain activities, not to be research under the 2018 requirements
2. The elimination of the requirement for annual review for certain categories of research
3. The elimination of the requirement for IRBs to review grant applications or other funding proposals related to the research

Many institutions, including The University of Tulsa, that review predominantly non-federally funded human research studies have been already been implementing the 2018 Common Rule requirements for non-federally funded studies, since it will reduce administrative burdens for all stakeholders.


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