

## Human Ethics Research Online (HERO) Update – September 2008

Earlier this year, the University launched an on-line system for human research ethics application, review, approval and administration. Since May 2008, all researchers applying to the Education Extension and Augustana Research Ethics Board (REB) have prepared their applications, amendments and renewals on-line. **Effective Saturday September 13, the Biomedical Panel of the Health Research Ethics Board will also be online and all new ethics applications from researchers at Capital Health, Caritas and the University of Alberta will be prepared using HERO.** The HERO team will also be converting all existing Biomedical Panel studies between September 29 and October 3 so that all amendments and renewals after September 29 will be prepared online.

Information about HERO is available at <https://hero.ualberta.ca>

In order to use HERO, **you must have a valid Campus Computing ID (CCID)**. All individuals with University appointments have a CCID and password. If you have forgotten your CCID or want to check that is **active**, you may **verify** your ID by checking with the **HR team in your department** or by calling CCID Administration at **492-0400**. More information about CCIDs is available at <http://helpdesk.ualberta.ca/ccid/>

Individuals from Caritas or Capital Health, who do not have a University of Alberta appointment, may apply to REO for a “Guest” CCID. (Guest IDs expire after **one year** but may be renewed.) **Study coordinators will be able to prepare ethics applications on behalf of their PIs, if they have a CCID.** If a study coordinator is not University staff, s/he will need to apply for a **guest CCID from their PI’s home department or REO as appropriate.**

To learn how to prepare an ethics application on-line, go to the HERO webpage and watch the seven minute on-line tutorial. See HERO User Guides and Tutorials at <https://hero.ualberta.ca/HERO>

Attendance is not mandatory, but if you would like to register for a HERO information session for Biomedical Panel applicants, please contact Kathy Strawson, 780-492-0459 [kstrawson@med.ualberta.ca](mailto:kstrawson@med.ualberta.ca).

Wednesday, September 10	9:30 to 11:00	Classroom D, W C Mackenzie
Tuesday, September 16	2:00 to 3:30	Classroom D, W C Mackenzie
Thursday, September 18	9:30 to 11:00	Classroom D, W C Mackenzie

If you have any questions about HERO, the Biomedical Panel of the Health Research Ethics Board, or the Education Extension Augustana REB please contact:

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