

From: [Huse, Richard M.](#)
To: [Kolbe, Athena R.](#)
Subject: RE: IRB
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 12:20:18 PM

Hi Athena,

Every research project requires IRB approval before any work can begin and this is typically completed by the PI. This is the only thing the university is waiting on for setup and there is nothing that can be done until it is completed. Please reach out to the IRB office with any questions getting this approved. <https://uncw.edu/sparc/integrity/irb.html>. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you in the meantime.

Thank you,

Richard Huse

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From: Kolbe, Athena R. <kolbea@uncw.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 11:55 AM
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Richard:

I'm confused; I responded to the last correspondence with the IRB last month and they had no follow up questions.

I don't understand why I was awarded a grant over the summer, it took months to create an MOU, and now the money has been transferred to UNCW (two months ago) and yet they still have not created a way for me to access that money. Without the money I cannot pay an RA to do the rest of the IRB applications needed to begin some of our research activities (e.g. evaluating the interventions we were funded by the Hilton Foundation to implement). Since the social work field office has pulled MSW students from interning with BCS I literally have no one to do the IRB applications (and there will be four of them to cover each of the aspects of funded interventions and related research activities, so that's a lot of work!). I don't understand what the hold up is but at this point we are approaching a situation where the funder is asking if we are going to implement the grant or not and has said that if not (since that seems to be what is being communicated by UNCW's actions), we need to return the \$500,000. I feel like something is going on behind the scenes that is causing all of this to be held up and I'm confused. A quarter of the grant period is over and I haven't even been able to implement any of the interventions yet.

What's going on? If UNCW doesn't want me/the university to work with Breaking Code Silence and the Hilton Foundation on this project, then it would be better to just say that rather than dragging this whole process out unnecessarily.

Athena

From: Huse, Richard M. <huser@uncw.edu>
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Importance: High

Hi Athena,

Please reach out to the IRB office to make sure everything has been completed for IRB approval for your Hilton grant. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Richard Huse

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