Federalwide Assurance Information Sheet

The Federalwide Assurance (FWA) is the only type of assurance of compliance accepted and approved by the Office for Human Subjects Protections (OHRP) for institutions engaged in non-exempt human subjects research conducted or supported by HHS. Under a FWA, an institution commits to HHS that it will comply with the requirements set forth in 45 CFR part 46, as well as the Terms of Assurance. In order for us to consider a reliance request, your institution must have a FWA.

[**Click Here**](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/register-irbs-and-obtain-fwas/fwas/assurance-process-faq/index.html) to access FAQs on the Assurance Process.

[**Click Here**](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/register-irbs-and-obtain-fwas/forms/fwa-instructions/index.html) for step-by-step instructions on how to file for a FWA.

[**Click Here**](https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/efile/FwaStart.aspx)if you are ready to apply for a NEW FWA.