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USC Human Subjects Team: Prepare to be Interviewed!!

If you are an Investigator/Researcher, Administrator, IRB Staff, or IRB Member, you are an **integral** part of the Human Subject Protection Program (HSPP) at USC. USC is on the cusp of achieving accreditation for its HSPP. Accreditation is a goal the HSPP has worked long and hard to accomplish. Achieving accreditation will publicly affirm USC as a top-tier academic institution in its ethical and regulatory conduct of human subjects research. AAHRPP accreditation is a gold standard that will contribute to increased interest in the research being performed at USC. President Sample and Provost Nikias strongly support this effort and expect the HSPP to achieve accreditation.

The AAHRPP site review team will be on campus March 21-23, 2007.

At this time, it is unclear who will be scheduled for an interview, so it is important for all those involved with the HSPP to be prepared. USC's HSPP accreditation **largely** depends on these interviews. We are counting on the commitment you make to conduct quality research and solicit your help in this endeavor. To obtain accreditation, all interviews must be successful.

We have created materials to help you succeed, and are also available for single or group prep sessions. Linked are four sets of Q and A's, comprehensive compilation of likely inquiries. Each was written with a specific group focus. The guidance is not intended to be memorized; it is intended to focus your thinking as you prepare for the interview. In addition to using your study sheet resource, the following items have been identified by other institutions as likely areas of focus by the site review team:

AAHRPP Interview Guides

Online at: <http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/opr/aahrpp>

- [Human Subjects Administration Interview Guide](#)
- [IRB Members Interview Guide](#)
- [IRB Staff Interview Guide](#)
- [Human Subjects Researchers Interview Guide](#)

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