

## **IRB Reliance Agreement with Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) Guidelines**

### **Objectives:**

The objective of this agreement is to streamline the IRB approval process for QU and DI researchers whenever they undertake a collaborative human subject research endeavor requiring an IRB approval. This agreement will facilitate efficiency and encourage collaborative and cooperative research activities between the two Institutions

### **Definitions:**

Collaborative: Either a researcher from QU is collaborating with a researcher from DI and vice versa, or researchers from either institute who wish to distribute surveys to the QU or DI communities, but not necessarily have a QU/DI Co-PI with them.

IRB of Record: The reviewing IRB that performs a review on behalf of one or more institutions.

Relying IRB: The IRB or entity that agrees to rely upon the IRB of Record.

- 1- QU IRB will be the IRB of Record and will perform a collaborative review for any research project for which a QU academic faculty member, student or non-academic employee is the lead principal investigator (L-PI). Similarly, DI IRB will be the IRB of Record and will perform a collaborative review for any project for which a DI academic faculty member, student, or non-academic employee is the L-PI.
  
- 2- Training:
  - training on ethical conduct of human research for the L-PI and/or research team members as appropriate and as mandated by the institution at which the research will be conducted.
  
  - since Doha Institute's training is mainly in Arabic language and they have their own training procedure, QU will accept training certificates submitted by DH-PIs
  
- 3- Informed Consent:

L-PI may use the informed consent approved by the IRB of record.
  
- 4- QU Co-PI must submit a QU-IRB application (using brief application form) after obtaining the Doha institute approval in case the L-PI is from Doha Institute. However, the QU Co-PI cannot conduct any research activity unless QU-IRB approval is obtained.

5- Continuing review and renewal requests should be submitted to the IRB of record.

6- Contact Information:

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