

IRB Application and Review Timelines

IRB review timelines vary based on the level of review required, the completeness of the submission, reviewer availability, and how quickly researchers respond to requested revisions. As a general guide, from submission to final determination:

- Exempt reviews often take about 1–3 weeks
- Expedited reviews often take about 2–4 weeks
- Full board reviews often take about 4–8 week

These ranges are consistent with general university IRB turnaround estimates, though some applications may move more quickly or take longer depending on the complexity of the study and the number of revisions needed.

The full board meets on the first and third Friday of each month during the regular academic year. Studies requiring full board review must be submitted with enough time for administrative pre-review, requested revisions, and placement on a meeting agenda.

During the summer, review timelines may be longer because IRB staffing and reviewer availability are extremely limited. Full board meetings may be held ad hoc during the summer as needed and as member availability allows.