

Transition to eIRB Powered by OneAegis

New electronic system eIRB will be replacing Tick@lab beginning July 1, 2026

The Office of Research Compliance (ORC) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of eIRB, a new electronic IRB management system powered by OneAegis. Effective July 1, 2026, eIRB will replace Tick@lab as the primary platform for managing human subjects research applications at UTRGV. The transition will provide a more modern, integrated, efficient, and user-friendly experience for researchers and reviewers.

Key Transition Dates

- **June 5, 2026:** The ORC will no longer grant access to new users for Tick@lab. If there is an urgent need, please contact irb@utrgv.edu.
- **June 15, 2026:** Deadline to submit new protocols or amendments to existing protocols in Tick@lab. Submission of new protocols or amendments after this date is strongly discouraged to ensure proper processing before the system transition. If there is an urgent need, please contact irb@utrgv.edu.
- **June 26, 2026:** Tick@lab access will be discontinued. After this date, researchers will no longer be able to log in to Tick@lab or access applications and records stored in the system.
- **July 1, 2026:** eIRB goes live.

What Researchers Need to Know

Download Your Records Before June 26, 2026

Access to Tick@lab will be permanently discontinued on June 26, 2026, the ORC strongly recommends that all Principal Investigators (PIs) download a copy of their IRB applications and all associated attachments (i.e., informed consent forms, recruitment materials, and study documents) prior to this date.

Step-by-step instructions for downloading your IRB application and attachments from Tick@lab are available at: [Click Here](#)

Active IRB-Approved Applications Will Be Transferred

All active IRB-approved applications currently housed in Tick@lab will be transferred to eIRB. If your application does not appear in eIRB on or after July 1st, 2026, and need to submit an amendment or continuation review request, please contact Eric Allen or the Office of Research Compliance – IRB Support.

Applications Under Review During the Transition

Protocols that are under review by the IRB or pending a response from PIs as of June 26, 2026, will be entered into the new system and processing and approval will be completed in eIRB. Researchers whose studies are mid-review will be contacted by the ORC with additional guidance.

Draft and Closed Applications in Tick@lab Will Not Be Transferred to eIRB

Draft and closed applications in Tick@lab will not be migrated to the new system eIRB. Investigators who wish to retain copies of these applications for their records should download them before access to Tick@lab is discontinued. Failure to do so may result in permanent loss of access to these records.

Training and Resources

The following training and support resources will be made available:

- **Live Training Sessions:** Scheduled training sessions will be offered to walk researchers and their staff through the new eIRB system.
June 15, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Click this [link to join](#)
June 17, 2026 | 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM | Click this [link to join](#)
June 23, 2026 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM | Click this [link to join](#)
June 25, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Click this [link to join](#)
- **Recorded Sessions:** All training sessions will be recorded and posted to the IRB webpage for researchers who are unable to attend live sessions or who wish to review the material at their convenience.
- **Training Documents and Guides:** Written training materials, user guides, and quick-reference documents will be posted on the IRB webpage.

All training resources will be accessible on the IRB webpage at: [Click Here](#)

Questions? We're Here to Help

Researchers with questions about the transition, the new eIRB system, or downloading their Tick@lab records are encouraged to reach out to the ORC:

- **Eric Allen, Director:** eric.allen@utrgv.edu
- **Research Compliance - IRB Support:** irb@utrgv.edu

The ORC looks forward to supporting the research community through this transition.