



eResearch Central

FAQs



What is eResearch Central?

eResearch Central is a new University Web initiative — a central electronic location to access research-related forms and several new online tools to help you manage research-related tasks. These tools include an automated “to-do” list and a system to track submitted forms.

What will I find on eResearch Central?

In the initial release of eResearch Central, you will be able to complete, track, and receive automated reminders about IRB and IACUC continuing reviews and IACUC 3-year renewals.

Will I eventually see all of my research-related tasks and forms on eResearch Central?

Yes. eResearch Central’s functionality will grow over time, phasing in the ability to complete and track other research-related University forms and to allow sharing of data among University research-related databases. Such integration will streamline processes for you and for those who manage research compliance.

How will eResearch Central improve my research administration needs?

eResearch Central has been developed to decrease the amount of paperwork necessary to do research and improve research-related communications at the University. With your first visit to eResearch Central, you will see the advantages of using one Web site to meet all of your research compliance needs, such as automated reminders of required tasks.

How does eResearch Central relate to EGMS (the Electronic Grants Management System)?

EGMS is just one part of the grants management and research compliance systems. eResearch Central will eventually tie together all of the electronic systems used for grants management and compliance, such as EGMS, to simplify access to and integrate these systems.

Is information on eResearch Central secure?

Yes. Data is stored in a secure database and can only be accessed by authentication with your University Internet ID (X.500 username) and password.

What are the browser requirements to use eResearch Central?

For PC users: Netscape 6.2 or higher or Internet 5.5 or higher

For Mac OSX users: Safari 1.x, Netscape 7.x, Mozilla 1.2.x, or Internet Explorer 5.1 or higher

Can I access information on eResearch Central away from my office?

Yes. Because eResearch Central is a Web-based system, you can access it anywhere you have an Internet connection.

Who can I contact for support?

You can e-mail help@eresearch.umn.edu or call the eResearch help line at 612-624-1600.

