

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD?

An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a committee of **scientists, non-scientists,** and **community members** who decide whether research proposals meet specific standards, regulations and policies.

The primary responsibility of an IRB member is to
protect the rights and welfare of research participants.

Qualities of a potential IRB member:

- Good written and oral communication skills
- Comfortable in new environments with diverse representation
- Able to take the perspective of a potential participant
- Able to appropriately manage confidential information
- Committed to protecting the participant
- Access to a computer and internet

Each member is expected to attend at least one meeting per month. The UMB IRB meets 3 times per week. Meetings are at various days and times and last no more than 2 hours.

Orientation and training will be provided. This consists of 4 hours of in-person training in addition to online trainings and reading done at your convenience.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the UMB IRB, please contact Julie Doherty, Director, at 410-706-3867 or jdoherty@umaryland.edu.