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Post Approval Verification and Education Program (PAVE)

Who We Are

The **Post Approval Verification and Education (PAVE) Program**, part of **Research & Innovation (R&I)**, partners with faculty, strengthening ethical, compliant research at **UTEP**.

What We Do

PAVE supports research approved by **UTEP's** regulatory committees (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee [IACUC], Institutional Biosafety Committee [IBC], Institutional Review Board [IRB]) by verifying that research activities match approved procedures and comply with federal and institutional requirements.

We observe, document, and check that protocol performance is consistent with approvals for the following:

- **Protection** of research participants' rights and well-being
- **Humane treatment** of animals
- **Research** involving recombinant DNA according to approved protocols
- **Compliance** with federal, state, and University policies and regulations
- **Alignment** between approved protocols and actual research activities

We also provide compliance assistance, training, continuing education, protocol and procedural guidance, and support for internal or external audits.

What We Don't Do

PAVE does not handle:

- Pre-approval protocol review
- Allegations of research misconduct
- Legal liability or risk management beyond compliance concerns
- Personnel performance evaluation

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When Reviews Happen

PAVE reviews may be triggered by:

- Studies rated higher than minimal risk
- Random selections
- Requests by Principal Investigator (PI) or department
- Other safety, risk, or regulatory concerns

If a review is initiated, the PI receives an email notification. A site visit or verification is scheduled within 30 days of the initial contact.

Take the Next Step

If your approved protocol involves human subjects, animals, or recombinant DNA, **PAVE** may review. We are here to help you remain compliant. Early communication and transparency help avoid delays or complications.

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