

Single IRB (sIRB) Matrix for UW-Madison

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Funding Source	UW-Madison Role	Will UW-Madison IRBs serve as sIRB?	Can another external IRB serve as sIRB?*	Can a commercial IRB serve as sIRB?	Considerations
Federal	Lead Site**	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Lead PI/Site will be responsible for identifying the entity to serve as the sIRB in the grant submission. UW-Madison uses the following criteria when determining whether it will agree to serve as the sIRB: *For studies with more than 10 sites, the Reliance Team will consult with the Institutional Official prior to providing a letter of support for a UW IRB to serve. *A decision will be made on case-by-case basis depending on the number, type and location of sites, complexity of the protocol, and ability to meet study review timelines. *For studies that include sites outside of Wisconsin with no IRB or Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), it is typically in the study team's best interest (i.e., efficiency of review) to contract with an independent IRB and study teams should account for this in the grant budget.
Federal	Participating Site	Yes	Yes	Yes	
See private-for profit section for STTR/SBIR grants					
Private-for profit w/IRB	Lead/Only Site	No	Yes	Yes	A UW-Madison IRB may serve as the reviewing IRB. A decision will be made on a case-by-case basis using the same factors listed under federal funding section. Additionally, Scientific Review Committee and Conflict of Interest Committee review may be required for private, for-profit funded studies and researchers are encouraged to take these additional reviews into account when identifying the best sIRB option for their study.
Private-for profit w/IRB	Participating Site	No	Yes	Yes	
Private-for profit no/IRB	Lead Site/Only Site	Yes	Yes	Yes	A UW-Madison IRB may serve; a decision will be made on a case by case basis using the same factors listed under federal funding section.
Private-for profit no/IRB	Participating Site	No	Yes	Yes	
NOTES: 1. Only site here means that UW-Madison is the only performance site, but the private entity also is considered to be engaged, most likely because they are the prime awardee for federal funds (e.g., STTR or SBIR grant) 2. w/IRB here means the entity either has an IRB or has contracted with one (e.g., WIRB). No IRB means they neither have an IRB nor have they contracted with one yet.					
Private-not for profit	Lead Site**	Yes	Yes	Yes	It is not likely that an unfunded study would use an sIRB model. In most cases, the UW-Madison IRB will act as the IRB for the local site only and each site would remain responsible for its own IRB review. UW is willing to consider serving for other sites on a case-by-case basis using the same factors listed under federal funding section.
Private-not for profit	Participating Site	No	Yes	Yes	
Unfunded	Lead Site**	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Unfunded	Participating Site	No	Yes	Yes	

* may be another academic institution, private hospital, etc.
 ** prime awardee and/or lead investigator