New IRB Submission Guidance Effective February 19, 2024

Starting Monday, February 19th, IRB applications from student Principal Investigators (PI) will no longer be accepted. Instead, faculty advisors will be required to serve as the PI, consistent with all other research compliance programs at AppState. This change will not affect existing research projects headed by students, nor will it affect the review for any projects submitted prior to the implementation date for this change (February 19th, 2024).

Going forward, students will still be able to write up and submit IRB applications for their projects, but they will need to identify a faculty member as a principal investigator. Any application drafted and submitted by a student will now route to the faculty PI for their review and approval in Cayuse prior to being fully submitted to the IRB Office for review. This means that the faculty PI will need to "Certify" their student's application in the Cayuse IRB system in order for the application to be received for review.

To assist students and faculty advisors with this change, the <u>Student Corner</u> webpage has recently been updated with new FAQs and links to guidance documents and checklists that students can use when preparing to submit an IRB application.