

**Fordham University HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention
Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI)
2024-2025 Application Form**

July 7-15, 2024: Onsite Summer Program (NYC)

Please complete form and submit it to ethicsinst@fordham.edu.

First Name	
Middle Initial	
Last Name	
Please indicate your preferred pronouns.	
Address Line 1	
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City	
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Home Phone	
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Date of Birth	
Do you consider yourself Hispanic/Latino/Latinx?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Which of the following best describes you (please check all that apply)?	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White/European/Middle-Eastern/North African

	Other (Please Specify)
Do you currently meet requirements to receive NIH funding? (i.e., U.S. citizen, permanent resident, VISA)	Yes No
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT	
Highest Degree (PhD, MD) and Year Conferred	
Highest Degree Institution	
Discipline of Highest Degree	
Other Graduate Degrees & Years Conferred	
Current Title/Position	
Institution	
Department	
Address 1	
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RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP	
Number of Peer-Reviewed Empirical Publications	
Number of First-Authored Peer-Reviewed Empirical Publications	
Please list any federally-funded grants awarded and indicate your role as either PI, Co-PI, Co-I.	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
Name and Institutional Title of First Recommender (Home Institution)	
First Recommender Role (i.e., postdoctoral supervisor, department chair)	
First Recommender Institution	
First Recommender Email Address	
Name and Institutional Title of Second Recommender	

Second Recommender Role	
Second Recommender Institution	
Second Recommender Email Address	
How did you hear about the RETI? (Check all that apply.)	Organizational Listserv/Newsletter Institute Alumni or Faculty Institute Website NIH Announcements PRIM&R Search Engine (e.g., Google) Other (Please Specify)
ADDITIONAL MATERIALS	
Name of Institution that will be sending the official transcript of highest degree earned:	

We are looking for early-career professionals with a commitment to the responsible conduct of research, demonstrated expertise in designing and implementing HIV and/or drug abuse research, and sincere desire for advanced training in empirical approaches to examining research ethics questions. Your answers to the questions below should demonstrate these qualifications generally and as it specifically relates to the mentored research project you would like to conduct.

Please copy and answer these questions as a separate Word attachment and send to ethicsinst@fordham.edu.

1. Below please include a description (up to 1,000 words) of the HIV and/or drug abuse prevention research ethics study you would like to examine for your Mentored Research Project (MRP). *Please note that we view this description as a preliminary basis for the final MRP that will be developed during the Institute since one of our primary goals is to expand fellows' knowledge of and skills to design and implement empirical research on research ethics.*

Relevant topics can include, but are not limited to, studies examining research ethics challenges related to informed consent, compensation, voluntary participation, risks and benefits of recruitment or participation, confidentiality and privacy, and moral distress. Research can focus on the evaluation of ethics relevant individual characteristics, experiences, perceptions, or values of marginalized and stigmatized populations, investigators, community members, or IRBs across diverse research methodologies including, but not limited to, mHealth, psychological or biopharmaceutical RCTs, online surveys, geospatial mapping, network analysis, ethnographic studies etc.

For examples of empirical research ethics publications by RETI alumni please visit researchethics.net. Please do not hesitate to contact RETI staff to discuss your topic prior to applying.

In your proposed MRP description please include the following:

(a) **Working Title.**

(b) **Scientific Premise.** In one paragraph, describe the significant gap in knowledge (include references where relevant) that directly relates to the critical need for your MRP proposal in this ethically relevant area of HIV and/or drug abuse research.

(c) **Specific Aims.** Describe the aims of your proposed MRP and how each aim will fill the gaps in research ethics relevant knowledge described in section (b) above.

(d) **Participants.** Describe the sample and sample size and include a rationale for why this sample is appropriate for the research ethics questions addressed in your proposed MRP.

(e) **Method.** Describe the specific methodology that will be used. This section should explain how the method is the most appropriate to achieve each Specific Aim. This section should also include a brief example of the quantitative measure(s) or qualitative questions that will adequately address your research ethics questions.

2. Below please include a description (up to 300 words) of how your HIV and/or drug abuse training and experience provides a foundation for successful implementation of the proposed MRP. Your answer should include a description of the research methods, data analytic techniques you have mastered, and ethics relevant training or experience with real world ethical challenges specifically relevant to the MRP proposed in Question #1.

3. Below please include a description (up to 300 words) of the feasibility of your completing the MRP described. Your answer should include the access you will have over the next two years to the participant population and sample size proposed for your MRP in Question #1, as well as the extent to which the research environment at your home institution will support your work on the MRP.

As a point of information, we typically expect RETI fellows to receive final approval of their MRP proposal in September following the 2024 Summer Institute, IRB approval from their home institution in October 2024, first Community Advisory Board meeting in November 2024, initiation of data collection no later than January of their first year (January 2025 for the 2045-2025 cohort), and to have completed most of data collection and preliminary analyses no later than mid-June 2025. Please consider this timeframe in answering Question #3 regarding feasibility.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION FORM AND WORD VERSION(S) OF APPLICATION QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO ethicsinst@fordham.edu:

1. Most recent C.V.
2. One or two first-authored peer-reviewed empirical article(s) that best reflect your ability to independently design and implement the quantitative or qualitative methodology and analyses proposed for your MRP in Question #1.
3. Optional: Publications on research ethics.

Attachments must be in .doc, .docx or .pdf format.