



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND BALTIMORE

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTIONS PROGRAM (HRPP) TIP OF THE MONTH

Tips for Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs) & Data Use Agreements (DUAs)



If you are receiving or sending specimens or data, you will need an MTA (for specimens) or a DUA (for data).

- **Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)**

- A contract that governs the transfer of tangible research materials between two organizations — from the owner or authorized licensee to another organization — for research or evaluative purposes.
- Please be sure to follow all regulations related to shipping biological materials.

- **Data Use Agreements (DUAs)**

- A Contract that outlines the terms and conditions for transferring and using non-public or restricted-use data, such as Protected Health Information (PHI), to prevent misuse, protect confidentiality, and ensure compliance with laws like HIPAA.

- **IRB & IACUC Protocols**

- Do not forget to submit a protocol (IRB for human specimens and data or IACUC for animal specimens) if you will be using the data or specimens in your research at UMB.

- For more information, please go to <https://www.umaryland.edu/spa/developing-proposals/unfunded-agreements/unfunded-agreement-approval/>.



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