

RSS-BIO FAQs

On March 1, 2021 UC Risk & Safety Solutions Biosafety (RSS-BIO) will replace iMedRIS. RSS-BIO will be the new online system for managing Biological Use Authorizations (BUAs – IBC application/protocols) at UC Irvine.

RSS-BIO offers an efficient way to manage biological use and research compliance. UCI researchers, Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) members, IBC administrators and Biosafety staff all have access to different components of the system and at different stages of the BUA submission, review and approval process.

Dates to remember:

February 1, 2021: BUA migration by IBC from iMedRIS to RSS-BIO

February 24, 2021: Last day to use iMedRIS for renewals, amendments and new applications

March 1, 2021: Use the new RSS-BIO system

April 21, 2021: First IBC meeting using RSS-BIO

August 31, 2021: BUA migration to RSS-BIO completed

What happens on March 1?

On March 1, researchers will be granted access to RSS-BIO and will submit renewals, amendments or new BUAs in RSS-BIO. Based on the migration schedule, your currently approved BUA will be available in RSS-BIO for renewals and amendments. **There is no need to take action yet.** Behind the scenes, from February through August 2021, the IBC will be migrating all approved BUAs to RSS-BIO.

What will be my new BUA number?

On March 1, you can access the RSS-BIO and check your BUA number. Based on the migration schedule, you will either have a complete BUA or a BUA migration-in-process.

Migration schedule: Information on when your protocol will be migrated, can be found [here](#).

I need to submit an amendment but my BUA is not yet migrated to RSS-BIO?

Please contact ibc@uci.edu so that we can migrate your BUA so you can make changes.

How do I access RSS-BIO on or after March 1, 2021?

- Log into <https://app.riskandsafety.com>
- Use **Quick Links** to select “BUA (Biological Use Authorization)” or look in **More Apps** for BIO.

When you log in for the first time (on or after March 1, 2021)

Whether you log in to verify that the information was migrated correctly, make an amendment or renew your BUA; the first person to access the BUA will be prompted to answer supplemental questions. These questions solicit new details required by the UCI Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) that EH&S staff couldn't answer or interpret when migrating your BUA details into RSS-BIO.

[How to submit a new BUA](#)

[How to renew your BUA](#)

[How to submit an amendment to your BUA](#)

What is the process of BUA submission and approval?

See the [UCI BUA Workflow Chart](#) for more information.

Questions

Comments, questions and requests for assistance are always welcomed at ibc@uci.edu.

Comparison Table between iMedRIS and RSS-BIO

iMedRIS	RSS-BIO	Comments
https://uci.imedris.net (This link is valid until June 30, 2021)	https://ehs.uci.edu/research-safety/biosafety/ibc/index.php	
IBC Application/Protocol	Biological Use Authorization (BUA)	
New Protocol	New BUA (Create BUA)	
Protocol Renewal	BUA Renewal	
Protocol Modification	BUA Amendment	
Study Contact	Designee	
Approved protocol with expiration date	Approved protocol with expiration date	<i>Approved protocol information in iMedRIS will be migrated to RSS-BIO for the PI from 01/04/21 through 08/31/21</i>
PI will receive an email reminder from UCI_IBC@imedris.net 90 days, 60 days and 30 days prior to expiration date.	PI will receive an email reminder from RSS-BIO 90 days, 60 days and 30 days prior to expiration date.	
IBC protocols are approved for 3 years	BUAs will be approved for 3 years	
IBC pre-review comments are sent by IBC to PI and study contacts	PI's and designees will be able to respond to any pre-review comments directly on the BUA.	
PI's and study contacts respond to IBC comments by entering their comments in a text box and updating their Study Application.	PI's and designees will be able to respond to any IBC comments directly on the BUA.	
Protocol status is updated to Approved	BUA status will be updated to Approved.	
Approval letter is sent out to PI and Study Contacts.	Approval letter will not be issued. If requested, an approval letter can be generated and sent out to the PI and designees.	