

### **Research Assistant Program (RAP)**

This program is organized in collaboration with the office of the Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and the Human Research Protection Program/The Institutional Review Board at the American University of Beirut.

#### **Objective:**

This program offers Good Clinical Research Practice workshops that introduce participants to the requirements, guidelines and standards for conducting clinical research. The 4-hour workshops includes two basic components, 2 hours each:

- Clinical Research Practice: ethical requirements and regulations
- Clinical Research Practice: study management and logistics

Participants learn how to complete and submit IRB applications, to meet the requirements, to safeguard research subjects' welfare and safety, and to manage their research project.

These interactive workshops are free of charge and mandatory for staff involved in human subject research projects at AUBMC, specifically research assistants, research coordinators and non-physician research staff.

#### **Director**

Elie Akl, MD, MPH, PhD                      Mar 2017 – Present

#### **Faculty member**

Marlene Chakhtoura, MD, MS              Mar 2017 – Present

#### **Coordinator**

Sarah Khansa, MBA                              Apr 2017 – Present  
Rola El Rassi, MS                                Mar 2017 – Mar 2018

**RAP activity summary**

<b>Workshops</b>		
<b>2018</b>		
<b>Staff facilitators</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Date</b>
TBD	-	October 9, 2018
TBD	-	TBA
<b>2017</b>		
Rola El Rassi, MS Maya Charafeddine, MS Maya Rahme, MS Lama Zahreddine, MS	40	October 24, 2017
Rola El Rassi, MS Anthony Msan, MS Maya Rahme, MS Lama Zahreddine, MS	33	September 15, 2017
Anthony Msan, MS Maya Charafeddine, MS Maya Rahme, MS Lama Zahreddine, MS	39	March 28, 2017
Anthony Msan, MS Maya Charafeddine, MS Maya Rahme, MS Lama Zahreddine, MS	38	March 7, 2017