



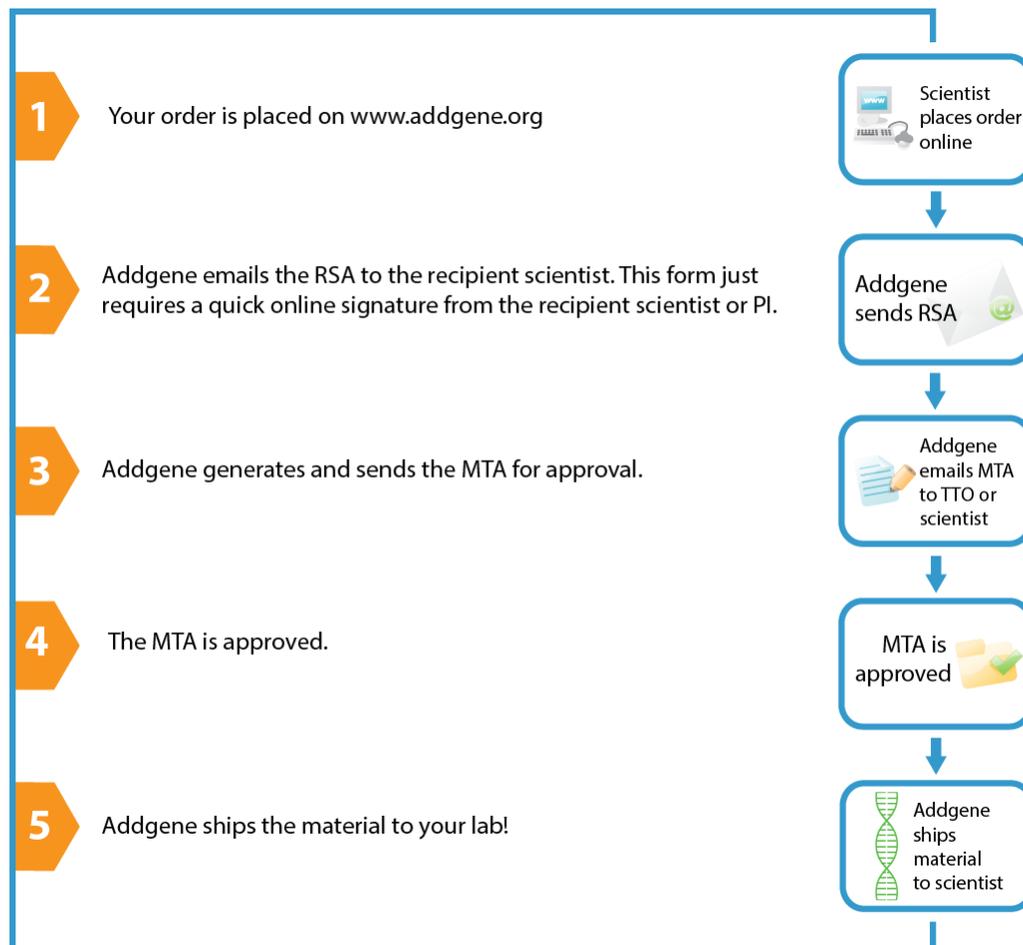
All materials transferred through Addgene are accompanied by a Material Transfer Agreement (MTA). For each order you place with Addgene, we will generate a new MTA for you that is specific to the items in your order.

The MTA Process

After you place your order with Addgene, you will need to submit a **Recipient Scientist Acknowledgement (RSA)*** and a **Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)** before we can process and ship your order. Addgene will generate these documents for you and email them to the appropriate people.

* Many institutions require the scientist to understand and acknowledge the terms of the UBMTA before they can finalize the MTA. The Recipient Scientist Acknowledgment (RSA) satisfies this requirement.

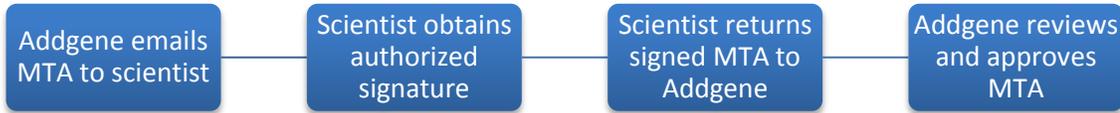
We have streamlined this process to make it as easy as possible:



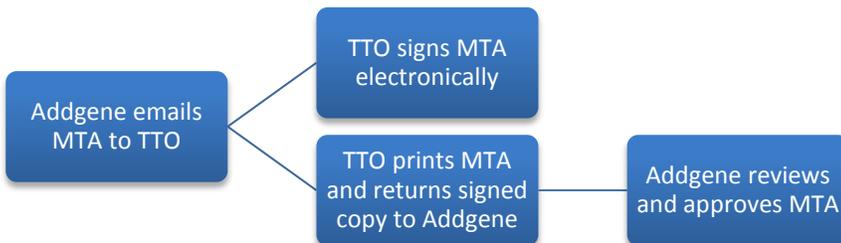
MTA Approval Options

Prior to any of the options below, the scientist must complete a Recipient Scientist Acknowledgement (see above).

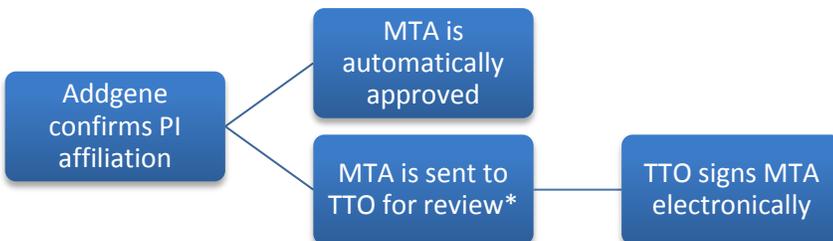
Standard Approval Average approval time: 4 days



Electronic Approval (eMTA) Average approval time: 2 days



Master Reception Agreement Average approval time: **automatic** for most items



*MTAs require review if any material in the order requires an Ancillary Agreement that your organization has not chosen to auto-approve. Organizations with Master Reception Agreements may update their auto-approval settings at any time without signing a new agreement.

What is a Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)?

A Material Transfer Agreement is needed by many institutions before scientific materials can be shared. A MTA is an agreement between the recipient and providing institutions that governs the transfer of these materials. It offers intellectual property and liability protection for the material providers and informs recipients as to how the material may be used. For transfers between nonprofit or academic institutions, Addgene uses the [Uniform Biological Materials Transfer Agreement](#), or UBMTA, because it is a widely accepted MTA both in the US and internationally.

Interested in faster MTA approval for your Addgene orders? We welcome your Technology Transfer Office get in touch with us at techtransfer@addgene.org today!