IRB Update

Students Apply for IRB Review

The following students (both graduate and undergraduate) are required to submit an IRB Application when collecting data from people (or interacting with people as part of the research), no matter how seemingly benign the research is:

- Students Planning a Thesis, Undergraduate Thesis, or Dissertation
- Students who Plan to Conduct Research for a Publication or Presentation
- Students Planning to Conduct a Student Class Project that may be Applied Toward:
  - A Possible Future Publication
  - A Possible Presentation (or Poster Presentation) or Report Outside of the Class for which it is assigned

Students who require IRB approval need to submit an IRB Application and receive IRB approval BEFORE the start of research activities including recruiting subjects, or data collection.

If students are conducting a project because of a class assignment aimed at learning research methods (and do not fall within the above-listed categories), then review the guidelines for student class projects.

Educational Workshops

Multi-discipline educational sessions and workshops are available to assist you with IRB submissions. The first hour of each session is a presentation; the second hour is a workshop along with a Q&A session. For more information and registration, visit http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/news/

Upcoming Topics:
- IRB Special Topics: Research Abroad
- IRB Special Topics: Using Children as Subjects
- IRB Special Topics: Secondary Data Analysis
- IRB Special Topics: Conducting Research Online

Student Class Projects

To ensure ethical conduct of projects, instructors and faculty who assign projects involving individuals as participants are expected to review students’ plans prior to subject recruitment and data collection.

Instructors are responsible for:
- Completing the CITI training: (http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/training/)
- Ensuring the project qualifies for class project review, provided it meets the following criteria:
  - It is an activity designed as part of a course requirement for purposes of learning research methods and;
  - The results and data will not be presented, posted, or published outside of the classroom.
- Verifying that students obtain informed consent from participants. The IRB has created an informed consent template specifically for class projects at http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/forms/consent_student_class_project.doc

For more information on class projects, please visit http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/class_project.html.

CITI Training

The required training for Investigators engaged in human subjects research is now through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). More information is provided on our website: http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/training/.

The next IRB Full Board meeting is October 24, 2011
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