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Do you have questions about the material here or about an IRB submission?
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New "IRB Office Hours" available to ALL Researchers on Campus

Let the Investigator Beware! Privacy and the Use of Online Survey Tools

It is the responsibility of investigators to familiarize themselves with software packages they plan to utilize in their research and to consider how software limitations may impact study participants. Survey software packages offer different data collection services and customizable functions. A recent study but UT faculty suggests that *Mechanical Turk* is particularly vulnerable to privacy violations. Please read their full report:

http://www.utexas.edu/news/2013/03/27/amazons-online-workforce-not-so-anonymous-after-all/

New Required Proposal Template

Our standard template for study proposals has been simplified. Please use this new template which can be found on our application materials and forms page:

http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/forms.html

*Reminder:* IRB staff regularly updates forms and materials. In order to expedite IRB review and approval, please do not “recycle” outdated IRB materials from previous research or “borrow” forms used in previous years from colleagues. Thank you!

Planning to Recruit Participants using the UT “Know Events” Calendar?

All study recruitment procedures must be described in your IRB protocol. Please be as specific as possible when listing ALL formats to be used for recruiting human participants. Electronic advertising formats should be specified noting the use of e-mail, blogs, Facebook, and/or the use of any online forums/websites. The UT Know Events calendar and Know Events e-mail notifications are widely read in our community. When applying for IRB approval, please include the use of Know Events as a recruitment procedure in your protocol. DO NOT post any recruitment materials without securing prior IRB approval.

New “IRB Office Hours” available to ALL Researchers on Campus

This session provides researchers with the opportunity to ask questions about draft protocols, IRB application documents, and ethical concerns about research with human participants. Bring study materials (hard copies preferred) and receive immediate feedback/answers to IRB-related questions.

This new class (RC 210, “IRB Office Hours”) begins on April 12, 2013 at 10:30 AM in ACE 2.402 and will be offered on a monthly basis. This is a working session intended to provide one-on-one assistance with the IRB submission process. There will be NO formal presentation, as offered in RC 201, “IRB Intro.”

Sign up on TXClass:
http://links.utexas.edu/cdbzioc

The next IRB Full Board meeting is May 20, 2013.
The deadline to submit paper copies is May 3, 2013.