What you need to know about research involving humans
from the Office of Research Support, The University of Texas at Austin

At UT, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews new studies that will involve human subjects to:

1. Minimize risks to participants
2. Ensure that participants have given their consent after being fully informed of research procedures and risks
3. Promote equity in who is asked to participate

Submit an IRB application (if research involves human subjects) with descriptions of:

- Interviews, surveys, questionnaires, or focus groups
- Any interaction/intervention with individuals
- Any manipulation of an individual’s environment

**STUDENTS:** Undergraduate and graduate students are required to submit an IRB application for:

- Research for a publication or presentation
- A class project that may be applied toward use outside of the class for which it is assigned:
  - A future publication
  - A presentation, poster presentation, or report

You have to get approval **before** you can start research activities, including recruiting participants.

Still not sure if you need to apply for IRB approval? Just ask.
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