***Protecting Human Subjects in Student Inquiry Projects:
Addressing the Educational, Ethical, and Legal Obligations of Liberal Arts Institutions***

**Determining whether IRB review is required: Form for Evaluating a Proposed Investigation**

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IRB review is required for any proposed investigation for which the answer is “Yes” to all of the following questions. The accompanying document “Determining Whether IRB Review is Required: Policy for Evaluating a Proposed Investigation” provides definitions of terms and references to federal regulations that must be taken into account in responding to each question.

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|  |  | **Yes** | **No** |
| **1. *Is the activity “research” as federally-defined?***[45 CFR 46.102(d)] | 1. Is the project a **systematic investigation**?
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| 1. Could project results be generalized **beyond the group from which the sample was selected**? [45 CFR 46.102(d)]
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| 1. Are project design and results intended, or otherwise suitable, for **dissemination to a scholarly or professional audience** beyond the institution? [45 CFR 46.102(d)]
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| **2. *Does the research activity involve “human subjects” as federally-defined?***[45 CFR 46.102(f)] | 1. Does the project involve **obtaining information about living individuals** in order to draw conclusions about them?
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| 1. Does the project obtain that information through:
* **intervention or interaction** with the individuals, OR
* procedures that yield **individually-identifiable private information**?
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| **3. *Is the human subjects research activity subject to the Common Rule?***[45 CFR 46.101(a)] | 1. Is the project:
* conducted or supported by a **federal agency that has adopted the Common Rule,** OR
* **covered by an OHRP-approved Federalwide Assurance** that commits the institution to applying the Common Rule to all non-exempt human subjects research regardless of the source of support?
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| 1. Is the project **ineligible for exemption** from the provisions of the Common Rule?
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