

Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) And Institutional Review Board (IRB) Newsletter



REMINDERS

- **Use Wufoo not email to submit your protocol:** All types of protocol submission are required to be submitted using the appropriate Electronic Application Form in Wufoo. Emailed protocol submissions will be returned. Links to the electronic application forms can be found in the instructions at the top of each submission form.
- **To speed up IRB review, make sure your submissions are complete and contain all information.** When completing your Research Plan use the [Research Plan Guidance](#) document to ensure you provide all the information the IRB requires when making a determination or approval.
- When submitting documents, please use the **original** format of the document. The IRB does not accept google format or MSWord documents reformatted as a pdf. document.

Do You Have a Question?

Contact the HRPP/IRB Office at 910-893-7780 or email us at irbadmin@campbell.edu

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **UPDATE** The pause on in-person human subject research activities due to COVID-19 has been lifted. See [HRPP/IRB Covid-19 Update](#) for details.
2. **NEW** The IRB website has been updated and has a new look. Look under [For Investigators](#) for almost anything you need. There are special pages for [New Investigators](#) and [Determining If Your Project Requires IRB Review](#).
3. **NEW** IRB submission forms, submission attachment forms, and consent documents have been updated. Please use the revised forms when submitting for IRB review.
4. **NEW** The following guidance documents have been added: [Human Subject Data Classification Tool](#) & [How to Work with Egnyte](#). Other guidance documents have been updated.
5. **NEW** Two presentations have been added to [Investigator Resources](#): [Protocol Review Process and Writing](#) and [Effective Protocol Plan: Overview](#).
6. **COMING SOON** Procedures and guidance on the use of student educational records in human subjects research.
7. **COMING SOON** Fall IRB meeting schedule & IRB Member Roster for AY 2021-2022 will be posted by the end of August.

As always, the use of the most current version of IRB documents (found on the IRB website) will improve the speed of the IRB review process. This allows researchers to receive an IRB decision and start research activities sooner.

Q:I would like to conduct research using the students, as subjects, in the class I teach. Can I do this?

A: Research with one's own students inherently challenges the subject's "voluntariness" due to the power difference between students and instructor. Students may feel as though they have to participate or risk having their non-participation impact their grade or relationship with the professor. The IRB understands that real coercion is rare in research, but the perception of coercion potential can be a problem in obtaining voluntary informed consent. For this reason, the IRB has taken the position that **instructors should not use their own students as subjects in their research if it can be avoided.**

The IRB recognizes, that in some situations, it may be acceptable to use one's own students to conduct research. Special study design methods must be used before the IRB can approve this type of research.

1. An independent third party must be part of the recruitment, consent process and data collection, if applicable. The instructor must not conduct the recruitment, consent, or data collection of **identifiable information**. The third party may or may not be required to be listed as a study team member. The instructor must be blinded to which student's are participating until student-instructor relationship has ended.
2. Recruitment & Informed Consent: Risks associated with coercion, privacy and confidentiality must be minimized by using mechanisms to address these issues. If student records will be accessed, FERPA regulations apply and a signed consent form is required.
 - Consider the use of general announcements for recruitment (Blackboard posting/flyers/listserv.emails)
 - For survey/questionnaires use of an anonymous link to Qualtrics in recruitment materials. You may collect data anonymously or identified. If identified, only the third party may have access to the identifiable information. This is useful for longitudinal studies allowing the third-party to provide the investigator with the research data/information in a de-identified or coded manner until the student-instructor relationship ends.
3. Per federal standards, students must always be able to withdraw from participation.

Please see, [IRB Guidance: Using Own Students as Research Subjects](#) for detailed information or contact the [IRB Office](#) for further information.