Activities Requiring Humboldt State University IRB Approval

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Are you a Humboldt State University (HSU) faculty or staff member, or HSU student?

Yes

Is this a collaborative project with an outside institution or individual?

No

No

Yes

Is the activity designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge (e.g., publication, presentations)? Note: answer “yes” for thesis, dissertation, Master’s projects, and pilot studies. Answer “no” for class projects and quality assessment (QA) projects unless there is a plan to disseminate results outside of the classroom or entity for which the QA is being performed.

Yes

Activity is research. Does the research involve obtaining information about or from living individuals?

No

No

Yes

Will Humboldt State University (HSU) be engaged in the activities?

Examples of engagement include:
1. HSU receives direct HHS award to conduct human subjects research
2. HSU employees or agents intervene or interact with living individuals for research purposes
3. HSU employees or agents obtain, release, or permit investigators to obtain individually identifiable private information for research purposes.

Learn more about what constitutes engagement in research by visiting the following link: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/engage08.html

Yes

No

You do NOT need HSU IRB approval.

Yes

You need HSU IRB approval before conducting any research activities involving human subjects, including recruitment.

Go to the following link to apply: http://www.humboldt.edu/hsuf/irb.php

No

Is the source of the data private?

Yes

[Data originates from a publicly available source – for example, newspaper, magazine, or published journal articles]

No

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Note: This decision chart was constructed with the help of the Office of Human Research Protections’ “Human Subject Decision Chart, September 24.” http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/checklists/decisioncharts.html#c1.