

Research

RESEARCH WITH US!

Get to know the IRB's workflow

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What kind of research are you doing? Is it non-human subjects research (NHSR)? Does it use secondary data or biospecimens? Is there human interaction? Do you plan to generalize and disseminate the data/findings?

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Based on the type of research you're doing, you'll want to complete and email to the IRB a completed Request for Waiver IRB Application for Class Projects form or a completed IRB's Request for Protocol Review form. (For NHSR, use the protocol review form, noting you're conducting NHSR.)

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Once we receive the requisite form, the IRB will review your documentation/wavier/protocol. Protocol reviews will be determined as exempt (IRB approval not necessary), expedited (limited committee review necessary), or full board (extensive IRB review necessary).

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Review timelines (ideally): Rolling submissions, no deadlines

- NHSR, class projects waiver, and exempt protocols: 14 days
- Expedited protocols: 3-7 weeks, based on project level of complexity
- Full board review protocols: Depends on volume of submissions; agenda space is first-come, first-served; keep IRB meeting dates in mind (no full board reviews during summer months).

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The IRB will log your documents and follow up as needed.

Kinds of follow-up:

- necessary changes/clarifications to your protocol (if any),
- a letter acknowledging your NHSR,
- recommendation to use the class projects waiver, or
- IRB protocol determination with assigned protocol number.

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Once we go through 1-3 rounds of changes, we finalise your project, send you the invoice and hand over the finalised files ready for you to use! All done!

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