Does Your Project Require an Application to the Baylor IRB?

Will you, a member of your research team or a collaborator observe, interact with, or interview individuals to gather information or biospecimens that will be used for research? Examples:
- Surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, interviews
- Games, experiments in physical or in electronic environments
- Physical or biomedical procedures – imaging, scanning, blood collection, anthropomorphic procedures
- Diet, nutrition studies, taste tests
- Studies examining effectiveness of educational tools or curricula
- Use of instruments or devices, including phones, to collect data or monitor or influence behavior
- Passive observation of public behavior (in physical or online environments, including social media)
- Studies examining individuals' responses to manipulation of their physical or online environment

For research only using existing data, please refer to the Private Information NIH Decision Tree

What is the focus of the project?

The focus of the project is on people or their opinions, perceptions, choices, decisions regarding themselves or how methods, policies, procedures, organizations etc. affect them or their environment.

The focus of the project is only on products, methods, policies, procedures, organizations: e.g., interviewing transportation staff and officials about parking or transportation policies and procedures.

Is this a **class project?**

Is the sole intent of the project to meet course requirements, with **no intention to use the results for something other than the course assignment?** — Y →

Not human subject research. Non-HSR application is optional.

N

The project may lead to use of the result outside of the course (e.g., for a publication, presentation, thesis, or dissertation). — Y →

Project is research with human subjects.

N (from class project)

Is the project an **oral history, ethnographic, or journalistic piece?** — Y →

Does the project involve stories that will or may draw broad conclusions about the population, cultures, norms and practices; even if no research hypothesis is being tested or validated? — Y →

N

N

Is this a **quality assurance/quality improvement/organizational effectiveness study?** i.e. to assess, improve, or develop programs or services for an organization?

Published materials will be limited to only documenting or reporting on events, situations, policies, institutions or systems without the intent to form hypotheses, draw conclusions, or generalize findings. — Y →

N

Y →

Will outcomes be generalized for other organizations, programs or services? — N →

Outcomes will remain specific to the organization, programs or services, although other organizations may use the results for their own programs.

Y

Does this project involve:
- public health surveillance activities; or
- the collection of information for criminal investigative purposes; or
- operational activities in support of homeland security?

Y

Project is research with human subjects.

Y →

Not human subject research. Non-HSR application is optional.

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