

**UW-Whitewater**  
**Use of Human Subjects in Research Policy for**  
**Recognized Student Organizations**

Federal law and University policy requires that all research projects involving human subjects be designed as much as possible to protect the rights of the subjects. This pertains to projects for classes on research methodology, independent studies, and thesis research as well as studies conducted by/with student organizations and/or their agents. Prior to initiation of the work, each proposal involving human subjects and its provisions for their protection must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB). This includes surveys used in research. Research is defined as a systematic investigation ... designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge (45CFR46). Research which has not been reviewed and approved by the IRB will not be covered by UW-Whitewater liability insurance.

It is the policy of UW-Whitewater that all research shall be conducted under the supervision of a qualified faculty or staff member. Therefore, all students must submit an IRB protocol review form signed by the faculty advisor.

All IRB forms and guidelines can be obtained from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 2023 Roseman Hall. Please contact this office at 262-472-5212 with questions and document requests.

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