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SUBJECT: Investigator Qualifications

1. Florida State University's Federalwide Assurance with the federal government specifies that all human subjects research that is conducted by or under the direction of any employee, faculty, staff, student, or agent of FSU in connection with his/ her institutional responsibilities must be reviewed by the IRB.
2. Student Conducted Research. All activities that meet the definition of research with human subjects and that are conducted by students for a class project or for work toward a degree must be reviewed by the IRB. For example: Master's theses and doctoral dissertations that involve human subjects and all projects that involve human subjects and for which findings may be published or otherwise disseminated. Note: all student/fellows applying for IRB review must obtain the signature of their faculty advisor on the Signature Page of the IRB application.
3. Conflict of Interest. The protection of human subjects requires objectivity in communicating risks, selecting subjects, promoting informed consent, and gathering, analyzing and reporting data. The IRB should then consider conflict of interest issues in their review of applications. When appropriate, the informed consent document should state that all clinical investigators are required to comply with FSU's Conflict of Interest Policies.