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IRB Definition and Purpose

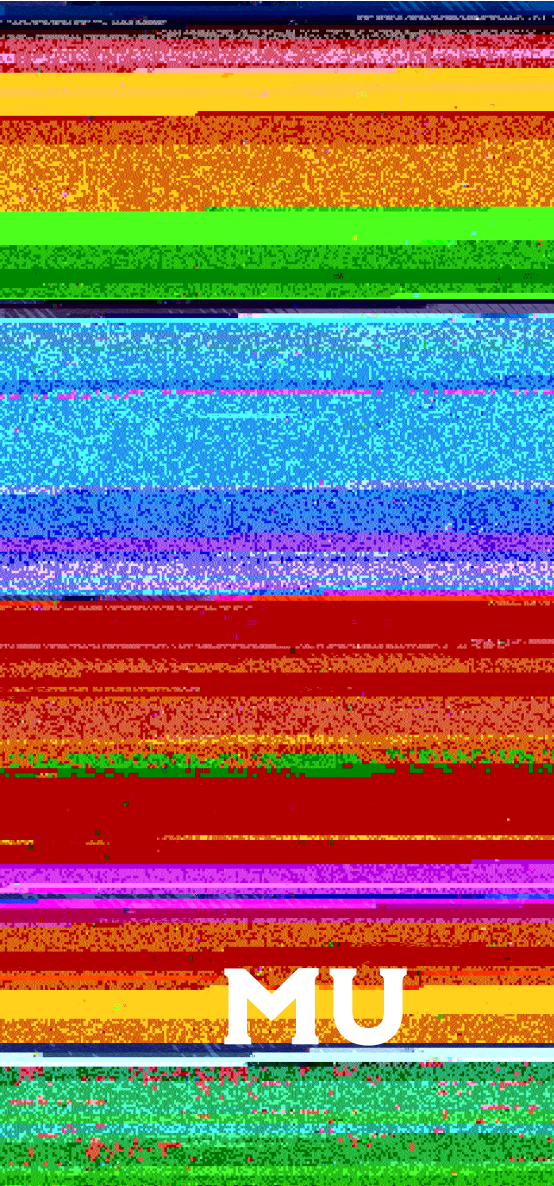
- » **Stands for Institutional Review Board (also Human Subjects Committee)**
- » **It is an administrative body established to protect the **rights, welfare, and privacy** of human subjects recruited to participate in research activities conducted under the auspices of the institution with which it is affiliated**
- » **The IRB is charged with the responsibility of reviewing **prior to its initiation**, all research (whether funded or not) involving people.**
- » **It has the authority to **approve, exempt, disapprove, monitor, and require modifications** in all research activities that fall within its jurisdiction**

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IRB Origins

- » Created in response to the explosion of medical research that followed WWII
- » Initially, primarily focused on biomedical research, even though regulation of social sciences was addressed from the beginning (though not very thorough)
- » In the 1990s big push to oversee the work of researchers in the humanities and social sciences

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How does one get approval?

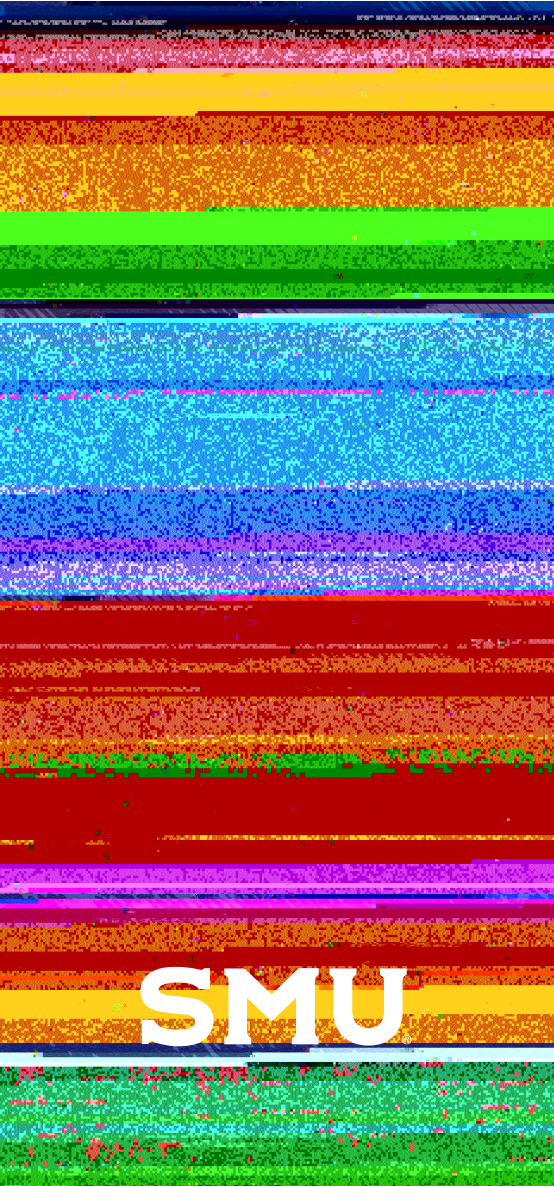
- » Researchers possess appropriate knowledge of human subject protection
- » Risks to participants are minimized
- » Risks to participants are reasonable in relation to anticipated benefits, if any, to participants and the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result
- » Selection of participants is fair and impartial
- » Informed consent is sought from each prospective participant and is appropriately documented, in accordance with federal regulations.
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Types of Protocols

- » **Expedited Review** Only for research projects that are no more than minimal risk. Reviewed by the IRB Chair. Not synonymous with quick review ←
- » **Exempt Review** Private investigator (project lead, PI) will be excused from complying with certain regulations (e.g. documentation of informed consent and continuing review on an annual basis) if no changes are made. ←
- » **Full Board Review** Typically involves biomedical research and research with vulnerable populations (e.g. prisoners, children).





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Example: Rhotics in Heritage Spanish

» Consent form

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