

# Institutional Review Board

## Introduction

All faculty and students of the South Georgia State College (SGSC) community contemplating research are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the requirements of the South Georgia State College Institutional Review Board (IRB).

All research conducted by either faculty or students and involving human subjects must receive approval from the IRB before conducting any research activities. In addition any research in which SGSC faculty, staff, and/or students will serve as participants, must receive approval from the South Georgia State College IRB. Research is defined as any process that seeks to secure information from humans or about humans. This includes observations without direct interaction.

## Purpose

The purpose of the South Georgia State College IRB is to provide an objective, independent review of all research conducted by or involving SGSC faculty, staff, and students to insure protection of human subjects and compliance with the federal regulations.

## Overview

An Institutional Review Board is a committee or board mandated by the National Research Act, Public Law 93-348, to be established within each university or other institution that conducts most types of research involving humans. The purpose of the IRB is to review all proposals for human research before the research is conducted to determine whether the research plan has adequately included the ethical dimensions of the project. Federal oversight of the IRB is conducted by the United States Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), within the National Institutes of Health. Institutions not in compliance with the law may lose Federal funding. The IRB is charged with oversight responsibilities for all research activities that originate or involve South Georgia State College students, faculty, and/or staff members. The primary purpose of the IRB is to protect individuals participating in research and the institution conducting the research.

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## IRB Forms

- [Policy](#)
- [Application](#)
- [Consent Form](#)

## Training Module

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