

Research Involving Students as Subjects (HRPP 4.7)

Description:

This policy describes UNMC's requirements for IRB review and approval of research involving students as subjects.

These persons are considered vulnerable because of the potential for undue influence or coercion.

Students as Subjects:

- Students may be recruited for research participation.
- Students may NOT be required to participate in research without a comparable research alternative offered as a course requirement.
- Students should not be selected solely for the convenience of their position as a student.
- Recruitment of students of the PI or other study personnel is strongly discouraged.
- A student's decision to participate in research may not affect their grades, assessments, or opportunities as a student.
- The investigator must pay attention to the risks to the student's privacy.
- Use of student records must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- UNO students may participate in the SONA Research Participation System if all preceding requirements are met.
- Research involving surveys with students in elementary and secondary schools receiving funding from the NDE must comply with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA).

The IRB Application Must Include:

- A description of the nature of the professional relationship.
- A justification of the need to recruit students of the investigator.
- A plan for minimizing the risk of undue influence and/or coercion during the process of recruitment and consent (e.g. having other study personnel aside from the investigator teaching the students involved in the consent process).
- A description of any appropriate additional safeguards to enhance the protection of the rights and welfare of the subjects.