

*Research Involving Human Participants*

All research that involves human participants (interaction with, observation of and/or accessing data from or about human participants) must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Human Participants (IRB) before the research can begin. Research would include the systematic collection of data for use in publications, presentations, and/or inclusion on any website. The IRB operates under the authority of the Federal Wide Assurance that is negotiated with the Office for Human Research Protection. A Cornell University institutional policy provides the same level of protection for all research participants regardless of the sources of support that is used to support the research. The policy is designed to safeguard the health and rights of the research participants, but it also supplies protection to the Cornell investigators and makes the university eligible to accept federal support for research involving human participants. Information on human participant research may be obtained on the IRB web pages at

<http://www.irb.cornell.edu/>.

The policy requires that all research activities involving human participants be under the supervision of a Cornell faculty member who has primary responsibility for complying with the requirements of the IRB.

Data Collection through Surveys and Questionnaires:

Concern for the protection of the rights of privacy and a respect for human dignity are essential considerations in programs of data collection through surveys and questionnaires.

1. Questionnaires and surveys directed toward employees must be approved in advance by the Vice President for Human Resources in addition to the approval of the IRB.
2. Questionnaires and surveys directed toward members of the University Faculty must be approved in advance by the Dean of the University Faculty in addition to the approval of the IRB.
3. Questionnaires and surveys to which students will be asked to respond must be approved in advance by the Dean of Students' Office in addition to the approval of the IRB.