

Rhodes College IRB: Do you need IRB approval?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
SECTION A: Are you working with human participants?			
Are data being obtained from living individuals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are data collected via interventions or interactions with individuals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the data contain identifying information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If all answers are NO in Section A, you do not need IRB approval. Otherwise, proceed with Section B.			
SECTION B: Are you conducting research*?			
Is the activity a <u>systematic investigation</u> , including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to <u>generalizable knowledge</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, you must submit an IRB application. Proceed with Section C. If NO, proceed to Section D. If NOT SURE, proceed with Section C.			
SECTION C: Do you need IRB approval?			
Does the activity involve secondary data sets with identifiable private information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the activity use identified biological material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the data collected with the intention of public dissemination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the activity involve the use of publicly available data that contain sensitive, personal, or identifiable data?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the interview or survey focus on experiences, opinions, and sensitive information about people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity a biography that is generalizable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity an oral history that is generalizable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the activity involve case histories or multiple patients?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the activity a <u>class related project</u> that will lead to publication or a public presentation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to at least one question is YES, you must submit an IRB application. If all answers are NO, proceed to Section D. If NOT SURE, contact the IRB.			

SECTION D: Is your activity focused on a specific population?

Identify any populations of specific interest in your activity:

<input type="checkbox"/> Infants/Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant women	<input type="checkbox"/> Cognitively impaired	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-English speaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants/Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminally ill	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhodes Community Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom-based research		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

*research includes all honors theses, publications, and/or presentations

It is important to note that this worksheet is a guide for determining whether or not your activity requires IRB approval. Please consult the Rhodes IRB procedures and policies for a comprehensive review, and if there is any uncertainty as to whether or not you need approval, please contact the IRB for clarification.