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About This Guide

This comprehensive guide provides detailed information about research ethics review services offered by the Colorado Social Science Research Academy (CSSRA) Institutional Review Board.

Our IRB is registered with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and follows federal regulations for the protection of human subjects (45 CFR 46).

IRB Registration: IORG0012641 (Institution) | IRB00014949 (IRB)

Verification: https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/

What This Guide Covers

- • Research scope, disciplines, and methodologies we review
- • IRB composition, governance, and ethical frameworks
- • Available review services and procedures
- • Review timelines and fee structures
- • Researcher responsibilities and requirements
- • Application process and required documentation
- • Special populations and international research considerations
- • Quality assurance and oversight mechanisms
- • Integration with IJSSAT publication
- • Frequently asked questions
- • Contact information and next steps

For the latest information and to apply for review, please visit our website or contact us directly using the information provided in this guide.

Scope of Review

Our IRB specializes in the ethical review of social science, educational, and behavioral research. We provide comprehensive ethics review services for research involving human subjects across multiple disciplines within the social and behavioral sciences.

Research Disciplines Covered

Our IRB has expertise in reviewing research across the following academic and professional fields:

• Sociology and Social Science Research

- - Social structures and institutions
- - Community studies and social movements
- - Social inequality and stratification
- - Urban and rural sociology
- - Cross-cultural comparative research

• Psychology and Behavioral Science

- - Cognitive and behavioral research
- - Social psychology studies
- - Educational psychology
- - Organizational behavior
- - Human-computer interaction studies

• Education Research

- - Pedagogical studies and curriculum development
- - Educational technology and digital learning
- - Assessment and evaluation research
- - Teacher training and development
- - Educational policy research

• Economics and Management Studies

- - Behavioral economics
- - Consumer behavior research
- - Organizational management studies
- - Human resource management
- - Financial decision-making research

• Communication and Media Studies

- - Digital communication research
- - Social media and technology studies
- - Journalism and media effects
- - Public relations and strategic communication
- - Intercultural communication

• Public Policy and Governance

- - Policy analysis and evaluation
- - Public administration research
- - Democratic governance studies
- - Environmental policy research
- - Digital governance and e-government

• Anthropology and Cultural Studies

- - Ethnographic research
- - Cultural anthropology
- - Applied anthropology
- - Linguistic anthropology

Research Methodologies

Our IRB is equipped to review research employing various methodologies common in social and behavioral research:

- □ Survey Research - Questionnaires and structured instruments
- □ Interview Studies - Semi-structured and in-depth interviews
- □ Focus Group Research - Group discussions and collective inquiry
- □ Observational Studies - Participant and non-participant observation
- □ Ethnographic Research - Cultural immersion and field studies
- □ Case Study Research - In-depth examination of specific cases
- □ Secondary Data Analysis - Analysis of existing datasets
- □ Content Analysis - Systematic analysis of communication content
- □ Experimental Research - Behavioral experiments and interventions
- □ Mixed Methods Research - Integration of qualitative and quantitative approaches
- □ Participatory Action Research - Community-engaged research
- □ Digital and Online Research - Internet-based studies and digital trace data

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IRB Composition and Governance

Regulatory Compliance

Our Institutional Review Board is constituted in full compliance with federal regulations governing human subjects research, specifically 45 CFR 46.107 (Composition of the IRB) and 45 CFR 46.108 (IRB Functions and Operations). The IRB maintains the required diversity of membership to ensure comprehensive and competent review of research activities.

Membership Requirements

In accordance with federal regulations, our IRB membership includes:

✓ Scientific Members - Individuals whose training, background, and occupation qualify them to evaluate scientific aspects of research protocols

✓ Non-Scientific Members - Individuals whose primary concerns lie outside scientific disciplines, providing ethical and community perspectives

✓ Community Representative - At least one member who is not affiliated with the institution and represents the perspective of research participants and the broader community

✓ Gender Diversity - Representation of more than one gender on the board

✓ Disciplinary Diversity - Members with varied professional and academic backgrounds relevant to the research reviewed

✓ Ethical Expertise - Members with specific expertise in research ethics, social policy, and human subjects protection

Expertise Areas

Our IRB members collectively possess expertise in:

- • Research methodology and design in social sciences

- • Statistical analysis and data interpretation
- • Research ethics and bioethics principles
- • Social policy and public welfare
- • Community perspectives and advocacy
- • International research standards
- • Cultural sensitivity and diversity considerations
- • Data privacy and confidentiality protection
- • Vulnerable population protections

Alternate Members

The IRB maintains a roster of qualified alternate members who may substitute for primary members when necessary. Each alternate member possesses comparable expertise, experience, and qualifications to the primary member they replace. The use of alternate members ensures continuity of operations and maintains the required composition standards at all convened meetings.

Verification

Complete IRB membership information is registered with OHRP and accessible through the federal database. Researchers, institutions, and journal editors may verify our IRB composition and registration status at:

- OHRP Database: https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/
- Search Parameters: IORG0012641 or IRB00014949

Ethical Framework and Standards

Foundational Principles

Our IRB review process is grounded in the ethical principles articulated in the Belmont Report (1979), which established the foundation for ethical research involving human subjects:

Respect for Persons

Recognition of individual autonomy and protection of persons with diminished autonomy. This principle underlies the requirement for informed consent and special protections for vulnerable populations.

Beneficence

Obligation to maximize benefits and minimize harms to research participants. Researchers must ensure that study designs minimize risks while maximizing potential benefits to participants and society.

Justice

Fair distribution of research burdens and benefits. Research should not systematically select vulnerable populations for risky research while reserving beneficial research for privileged groups.

Regulatory Framework

Our IRB operates under the following regulatory and guidance frameworks:

- • 45 CFR Part 46 (Common Rule) - Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects
- • The Belmont Report - Ethical Principles and Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
- • OHRP Guidance Documents and Policy Memoranda

- • International Ethical Guidelines for Health-related Research Involving Humans (CIOMS)
- • Declaration of Helsinki - Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects
- • Nuremberg Code - Standards for ethical research

Additional Considerations for International Research

For research conducted outside the United States, our IRB considers:

- • Local laws, regulations, and cultural norms
- • Community consultation requirements
- • Local ethical review board approvals
- • Language and literacy considerations
- • Economic and social vulnerability factors
- • Post-research obligations and benefit sharing

Review Services

Comprehensive Ethics Review

Our IRB provides thorough, competent, and timely review of research protocols to ensure the protection of human subjects' rights and welfare. We are committed to facilitating ethical research while maintaining rigorous standards.

Service Categories

1. Ethics Consultation Services

Available immediately at no charge, our consultation services provide researchers with expert guidance during the research planning and design phases:

• Protocol Development Consultation

- - Research design evaluation for ethical considerations
- - Identification of potential ethical issues
- - Guidance on minimizing risks to participants
- - Recommendations for strengthening protections

• Informed Consent Document Review

- - Assessment of consent form clarity and completeness
- - Evaluation of disclosure adequacy
- - Recommendations for improvement
- - Language and literacy considerations

• Regulatory Compliance Guidance

- - Interpretation of federal regulations
- - Determination of review category (exempt, expedited, full board)
- - Guidance on OHRP requirements
- - International research considerations

• IRB Application Preparation Support

- - Assistance with protocol documentation
- - Guidance on required materials
- - Review of draft submissions
- - Pre-submission consultation

Target Audience:

- - Authors submitting to International Journal of Social Science and Applied Technology (IJSSAT)
- - Independent researchers without institutional IRB access
- - Research teams requiring ethics guidance
- - International researchers seeking U.S. standards compliance

2. Formal IRB Review Services

Now accepting applications for comprehensive ethics review:

Initial Review

Complete assessment of new research protocols, including: protocol design and methodology evaluation, risk-benefit analysis, informed consent process review, data security and confidentiality assessment, recruitment procedures evaluation, vulnerable population protections, scientific merit consideration, and equitable subject selection review.

Continuing Review

Periodic reassessment of approved research: review of research progress, assessment of new information or risks, evaluation of adverse events or unanticipated problems, confirmation of continued approval criteria, and review of consent process modifications.

Amendment Review

Evaluation of proposed changes to approved protocols: modification of research procedures, changes to study population or recruitment, revision of informed consent documents, addition of research sites or personnel, and extension of study timeline.

Expedited Review

Streamlined review for minimal risk research: certain categories of research involving no more than minimal risk, minor changes to previously approved research, annual continuing review of minimal risk research, and faster turnaround time while maintaining review rigor.

Full Board Review

Comprehensive review by convened IRB: research involving more than minimal risk, research with vulnerable populations requiring special protections, complex research designs requiring collective expertise, and research where expedited review is not appropriate.

3. Special Services

Adverse Event and Unanticipated Problem Review

Prompt evaluation of unexpected occurrences: assessment of event severity and relationship to research, determination of necessary actions, reporting to appropriate authorities, and modifications to protect current and future participants.

External IRB Review for Institutions

Serving institutions without established IRBs: comprehensive IRB services for entire research programs, multiple protocol management, institutional compliance support, and customized review processes.

Journal Manuscript Ethics Review

Pre-publication ethics assessment: verification of ethical compliance, assessment of consent and approval documentation, evaluation of data handling and privacy protections, and confirmation of ethical standards adherence.

Review Process and Timeline

Submission Process

1. Initial Inquiry

Researchers contact our IRB to discuss their project and determine review requirements.

2. Application Package

IRB provides comprehensive application materials including: protocol template, informed consent form template, application forms and checklists, submission guidelines, and required documentation list.

3. Submission

Complete application submitted via email with all required documentation.

4. Administrative Review

IRB staff conducts completeness check and assigns to appropriate review pathway.

5. Ethics Review

Primary reviewer(s) conduct detailed assessment and prepare recommendations.

6. Determination

IRB issues determination: Approved, Modifications Required, Deferred, or Disapproved.

7. Communication

Researchers receive detailed feedback and specific guidance for any required modifications.

Review Timelines

Our IRB is committed to efficient review while maintaining thoroughness:

- Expedited Review: 15 business days from receipt of complete application
- Full Board Review: 30 business days from receipt of complete application
- Amendment Review (Minor): 7-10 business days
- Amendment Review (Major): 15 business days
- Continuing Review: 20 business days
- Consultation Response: 5 business days

*Timeline begins upon receipt of complete application materials. Incomplete submissions will be returned with guidance for completion. For research extending beyond 12 months, continuing review may be required per federal regulations. Please contact us to discuss.

IRB Meeting Schedule

Full board meetings are convened monthly or as needed to accommodate research review demands. Meeting dates are scheduled in advance and communicated to applicants.

Emergency Review

In exceptional circumstances requiring urgent review, the IRB Chair may convene an emergency review. Researchers must provide justification for expedited processing.

Simple Pricing - Everything Included

We believe in straightforward, accessible pricing with no hidden fees or surprise charges.

$350 Complete IRB Review

$350

One Price - Everything Included

What's Included in Your $350 Fee

- ✓ Complete protocol review (expedited or full board as appropriate)
- ✓ Risk-benefit analysis and ethical assessment
- ✓ Informed consent document review and feedback
- ✓ Recruitment materials evaluation
- ✓ Unlimited reasonable revisions to address IRB feedback
- ✓ Minor amendments and modifications during research
- ✓ Detailed feedback and recommendations
- ✓ Official IRB approval letter
- ✓ Approved stamped consent forms
- ✓ Journal-ready ethics statement
- ✓ Consultation and guidance throughout the process

Everything listed above is included in your $350 fee. There are no additional charges for revisions, minor amendments, or ongoing consultation.

No hidden fees. No additional charges. No surprises.

Special Rates

We offer reduced rates for specific categories:

Category	Rate
IJSSAT Authors	**$250**
Students (with valid student ID)	**$300**

Non-Profit Organizations	**$300**

Payment Terms

- • Payment due upon submission of complete application
- • Accepted methods: Wire transfer, credit card, institutional purchase order
- • Invoicing available for institutional accounts
- • Review begins upon receipt of payment
- • Refund policy: 50% refund if application withdrawn before review begins

Important Clarifications

What about amendments after approval?

Minor modifications and amendments are included at no additional charge. Simply contact us with the proposed change and we will review it promptly. Only substantial protocol redesigns that require extensive re-review might be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

What if my research takes more than one year?

Most social science research is completed within one year. If your research extends beyond 12 months from approval, please contact us to discuss continued oversight as required by federal regulations. We will work with you to ensure continued compliance.

Are revisions really unlimited?

Yes, we will work with you through reasonable revisions to get your protocol approved. Our goal is your research success. We expect researchers to submit complete applications and make good faith efforts to address feedback.

Why Our Pricing?

As a newly registered IRB, we are building our portfolio of reviewed research. Our accessible pricing allows researchers worldwide to receive professional, federally-compliant ethics review while helping us establish our track record in the academic community.

Our Commitment: Despite our accessible pricing, we maintain the same rigorous standards required by federal regulations (45 CFR Part 46) and followed by all OHRP-registered IRBs.

Market Comparison

Commercial IRBs: $2,000 - $8,000 per review

University IRBs: $1,500 - $4,000 per review

CSSRA IRB: $350 per review

Same federal standards. Same OHRP registration. Same journal acceptance.

Researcher Responsibilities

Protocol Development

Researchers submitting to our IRB are expected to:

- ✓ Design research that minimizes risks to participants

- ✓ Ensure scientific validity and social value of research
- ✓ Select subjects equitably
- ✓ Obtain and document informed consent appropriately
- ✓ Protect participant privacy and data confidentiality
- ✓ Monitor research for adverse events and unanticipated problems
- ✓ Comply with all IRB determinations and requirements

Informed Consent

Researchers must ensure:

- • Consent is obtained from each participant or legally authorized representative
- • Consent process provides sufficient time and information for decision-making
- • Consent documents are written at appropriate literacy level
- • Consent is documented appropriately
- • Participants understand voluntary nature and right to withdraw

Required Documentation

Complete IRB applications include:

- □ Research protocol describing all procedures involving human subjects
- □ Informed consent forms and assent forms (if applicable)
- □ Recruitment materials (advertisements, emails, scripts)
- □ Data collection instruments (surveys, interview guides)
- □ Investigator qualifications (CVs or biosketches)
- □ Site permissions or institutional letters
- □ Conflict of interest disclosures
- □ Training certifications (CITI Program or equivalent)
- □ Grant proposals or funding documentation (if applicable)

Ongoing Obligations

After IRB approval, researchers must:

- • Conduct research according to approved protocol
- • Obtain IRB approval before implementing changes
- • Report adverse events and unanticipated problems promptly
- • Submit continuing review applications as scheduled
- • Maintain accurate research records
- • Close out protocols upon completion
- • Notify IRB of early termination or suspension

Journal Acceptance and Recognition

Publication Standards

Our IRB review is designed to meet the ethical review requirements of major academic journals. We follow internationally recognized standards including:

- • International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recommendations
- • Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines
- • World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) policies
- • Discipline-specific journal requirements

Verification for Publishers

Journal editors and publishers may verify IRB approval through:

- • Direct communication with our IRB office
- • Review of approval documentation provided by authors
- • OHRP database verification of IRB registration
- • Confirmation letters available upon request

Researcher Guidance

We recommend researchers:

1. Review target journal's specific IRB requirements before submission to our IRB

2. Confirm journal accepts external IRB review

3. Provide complete IRB documentation with manuscript submission

4. Contact journal editors with questions about ethics review requirements

Institutional IRB Preference

Note: Some journals and institutions may require researchers to use their home institution's IRB when available. Our IRB services are particularly valuable for:

- • Independent researchers without institutional affiliation
- • Researchers at institutions without established IRBs
- • International researchers requiring U.S. standards compliance
- • Researchers whose institutional IRBs do not cover their specific research type

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Special Populations and Considerations

Vulnerable Populations

Our IRB provides enhanced scrutiny for research involving vulnerable populations who may be at increased risk or have diminished capacity for informed consent:

Children and Minors

- • Age-appropriate assent processes
- • Parental/guardian permission requirements
- • Enhanced risk-benefit analysis
- • Developmental considerations
- • Educational research protections

Prisoners and Incarcerated Individuals

- • Special composition requirements for review

- • Limitations on research types
- • Voluntary participation safeguards
- • Post-detention considerations

Pregnant Women and Fetuses

- • Risk assessment for pregnant participants and fetuses
- • Additional consent requirements
- • Paternal permission considerations (when applicable)

Cognitively Impaired Individuals

- • Capacity assessment procedures
- • Legally authorized representative involvement
- • Enhanced consent processes
- • Continuous reassessment

Economically or Educationally Disadvantaged Persons

- • Undue influence assessment
- • Appropriate compensation evaluation
- • Accessibility considerations
- • Community consultation

International Considerations

Research in Developing Countries

- • Local ethics review requirements
- • Community engagement and consultation
- • Post-research obligations
- • Benefit sharing considerations
- • Exploitation prevention
- • Cultural sensitivity

Cross-Cultural Research

- • Translation and back-translation of materials
- • Cultural appropriateness of procedures
- • Local customs and norms consideration
- • Community advisory boards

Online and Digital Research

Internet-Based Studies

- • Privacy protection in digital environments
- • Data security measures
- • Platform terms of service compliance
- • Digital consent processes
- • Participant verification challenges

Social Media Research

- • Public vs. private content distinction
- • Terms of service compliance
- • Researcher-participant relationships
- • Data mining ethical considerations

Quality Assurance and Oversight

Commitment to Excellence

Our IRB is committed to continuous improvement and maintenance of the highest standards in human subjects protection.

Quality Assurance Measures

- • Regular review of SOPs and policies
- • Internal audit procedures
- • Member training and education programs
- • Performance metrics monitoring
- • Stakeholder feedback integration
- • Regulatory update monitoring

Continuing Education

IRB members and staff participate in ongoing education:

- • Annual OHRP compliance training
- • Discipline-specific ethics seminars
- • Emerging issues workshops
- • Best practices conferences
- • Regulatory updates review

Documentation and Records

The IRB maintains comprehensive records including:

- • All IRB meeting minutes
- • Review correspondence and determinations
- • Protocol versions and amendments
- • Consent form versions
- • Adverse event reports
- • Continuing review documentation
- • Membership roster updates

Records are retained in accordance with federal requirements (minimum 3 years after completion).

Confidentiality

All IRB members and staff maintain strict confidentiality regarding:

- • Protocol content and research designs
- • Participant information
- • Proprietary information

- • Deliberations and discussions
- • Individual member votes (except as required in minutes)

Integration with IJSSAT

Journal Support

As the institutional home of the International Journal of Social Science and Applied Technology (IJSSAT), CSSRA provides integrated ethics support:

For IJSSAT Authors

- • Preferential review rates (see fee schedule)
- • Priority review scheduling
- • Pre-submission consultation
- • Ethics statement assistance
- • Compliance verification for publication

For Journal Editors

- • Rapid verification of ethics approval
- • Consultation on ethical concerns
- • Post-publication ethics review when needed
- • Guidance on ethics policy development

Publication Ethics

IJSSAT authors benefit from:

- • Assurance of ethical compliance
- • Streamlined ethics documentation
- • Reduced publication delays
- • Enhanced manuscript credibility
- • International standards alignment

Manuscript Requirements

IJSSAT requires all research manuscripts involving human subjects to include:

- • IRB approval documentation
- • Informed consent statement
- • Ethics approval reference number
- • IRB contact information for verification

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is an Institutional Review Board (IRB)?

A: An IRB is a formally designated group that reviews and monitors research involving human subjects to ensure their rights and welfare are protected. IRBs review research protocols, informed consent documents, and ongoing research activities.

Q: Why do I need IRB approval?

A: IRB approval is required by federal regulations for most research involving human subjects, particularly research funded by the U.S. government or subject to FDA regulations. Additionally, most academic journals require IRB approval for publication of research involving human subjects.

Q: Is CSSRA IRB approval recognized internationally?

A: Our IRB is registered with OHRP and follows U.S. federal standards (45 CFR 46), which are widely recognized internationally. However, researchers should verify that their target journals and institutions accept external U.S. IRB reviews. Some countries may require additional local ethics review.

Q: Who can use CSSRA IRB services?

A: Our services are available to: Independent researchers without institutional IRB access, Researchers at institutions that lack IRB resources, International researchers requiring U.S. standards-compliant review, IJSSAT authors requiring ethics review, and Research teams conducting social, educational, or behavioral research.

Q: What if my institution has its own IRB?

A: If your institution has an established IRB, most institutions and journals prefer you use your institutional IRB. However, researchers may use external IRBs when: Institutional IRB lacks expertise in specific research area, Institutional IRB does not cover specific research types, Researcher is no longer affiliated with institution, or Institution agrees to external IRB review.

Q: Do you review research conducted outside the United States?

A: Yes, we review research conducted anywhere in the world. We apply U.S. federal standards while considering local ethical requirements and cultural contexts. Researchers should ensure they also comply with local ethics review requirements.

Q: How long does the review process take?

A: Review timelines vary by type: Expedited Review: 15 business days, Full Board Review: 30 business days, Minor Amendments: 7-10 business days. These timelines begin when complete applications are received.

Q: What determines whether my research qualifies for expedited review?

A: Research involving no more than minimal risk may qualify for expedited review under specific federal categories. Our IRB will make this determination based on your protocol. Common expedited categories include surveys, interviews, and secondary data analysis involving adults and minimal risk.

Q: What if my protocol requires modifications?

A: If our IRB requires modifications, we provide detailed feedback on needed changes. You will revise and resubmit your protocol. Minor modifications typically do not require another full review cycle.

Q: Can I start research while waiting for IRB approval?

A: No. Federal regulations prohibit beginning research involving human subjects before receiving IRB approval. This includes recruiting participants, distributing surveys, or conducting interviews.

Q: Why do you charge fees for IRB review?

A: Review fees support the operational costs of maintaining a qualified IRB, including member compensation, administrative support, training, and infrastructure. Our fees are competitive and include multiple discount options.

Q: Are consultation services really free?

A: Yes, basic ethics consultation is provided at no charge as a service to the research community. Extended consultations requiring more than 2 hours may incur nominal fees.

Q: What payment methods do you accept?

A: We accept wire transfers, credit cards, and institutional purchase orders. Payment is due upon application submission.

Q: What is your refund policy?

A: If you withdraw your application before review begins, you will receive a 50% refund. Once review has begun, fees are non-refundable.

Q: What regulations does your IRB follow?

A: Our IRB operates under 45 CFR 46 (the Common Rule), which is the federal policy for protection of human subjects. We also consider FDA regulations when applicable, international guidelines, and discipline-specific standards.

Q: How do I verify your IRB registration?

A: You can verify our registration in the OHRP database: Visit: https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/, Search for IORG0012641 or IRB00014949. Our registration details are publicly accessible.

Q: What training do IRB members have?

A: All IRB members complete human subjects protection training (such as CITI Program) and participate in ongoing education on ethics, regulations, and review procedures.

Q: Will my target journal accept your IRB approval?

A: Most reputable journals accept external IRB approval from OHRP-registered IRBs that follow federal standards. However, we recommend confirming your specific journal's requirements before submitting for review. We can provide verification letters for journal editors.

Q: What documentation will I receive for publication?

A: Upon approval, you will receive: IRB approval letter with approval number, Approved stamped consent forms, Protocol approval documentation, and Verification letter for journal submission (upon request).

Q: How do journal editors verify IRB approval?

A: Editors can verify approval through: Our publicly accessible OHRP registration, Direct contact with our IRB office, Review of approval documentation you provide, and Verification letters we provide upon request.

Contact Information and Application

How to Begin

Step 1: Initial Consultation

Contact us to discuss your research project and determine appropriate services.

Step 2: Receive Application Materials

We will provide comprehensive application package including templates and guidelines.

Step 3: Prepare and Submit

Complete all required materials and submit via email.

Step 4: Review Process

Our IRB will conduct thorough review and provide determination.

Step 5: Implement Research

Upon approval, you may begin research according to approved protocol.

Contact Details

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Online Resources

OHRP Registration Verification:

https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/

(Search: IORG0012641 or IRB00014949)

Federal Regulations:

https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/45-cfr-46/

OHRP Guidance:

https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/guidance/

Commitment to Research Ethics

The Colorado Social Science Research Academy is committed to advancing ethical research practices in the social sciences. Our IRB serves as a critical safeguard for research participants while facilitating important research that contributes to knowledge and social progress.

We recognize that ethical research review is not merely a regulatory requirement but a fundamental responsibility to the individuals who participate in research and to society. Our IRB strives to provide thoughtful, competent, and timely review that protects human subjects while supporting valuable research.

We welcome inquiries from researchers worldwide and look forward to supporting your ethical research endeavors.

Important Notices

Scope Limitations

This IRB does not review:

- • Clinical medical research or clinical trials
- • FDA-regulated drug or medical device studies
- • Biological specimen collection for diagnostic purposes
- • Research regulated under different authorities

Disclaimer

While our IRB follows rigorous standards and federal regulations, researchers are responsible for ensuring their research complies with all applicable laws, regulations, institutional policies, and journal requirements. Our IRB approval represents ethical review compliance but does not guarantee journal acceptance or institutional recognition.

Privacy Notice

Information provided to our IRB is treated confidentially and used only for purposes of ethics review. We do not share researcher information or protocol details with third parties except as required by law or regulation.

Updates and Revisions

This information is current as of the date of publication. Policies, procedures, and fees are subject to change. Researchers should verify current requirements when applying for review.
