



THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW ORLEANS

Institutional Review Board

Charge:

All research activities involving the use of human beings as research subjects (participants) must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Human subjects review is designed to protect participants and researchers by ensuring ethical research design and practice. Even though investigators are ultimately responsible for ensuring that the rights and the welfare of human subjects participating in research activities are protected, and that the methods used and information provided to gain subject consent are appropriate to the research, the IRB process assists investigators in this responsibility. For this purpose, investigators may not solicit subject participation or begin data collection until they have received written approval.

Membership:

The IRB is comprised of 7 voting members from diverse backgrounds in order to promote complete and adequate review of research and research related activities. IRB members representing a variety of professions and disciplines to assure appropriate expertise are available to evaluate applications. These members are appointed by the President of the University of New Orleans. The Board is comprised of both males and females and at least one member is an individual whose primary expertise is in a nonscientific area. At least one member is not an employee nor a part of the immediate family of a person affiliated with the institution. A quorum of the Board is defined as a majority of the membership. The nonvoting members do not count toward a quorum. No member may participate in the initial or continuing review of any project in which the member has a conflicting interest except to provide information requested by the Board. Members with conflicting interests will leave the meeting room during the deliberations and voting on said projects. Members must be present to vote. A majority of the membership present must vote in the affirmative for a motion to pass.