



SUB-TOPIC

RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

The University's Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects must be informed of any research (whether supported by a granting agency or not) involving human subjects that is conducted by members of the faculty and staff. This Committee should be informed at the earliest moment (and at the very latest, one month before submission of a Department of Health & Human Services, DHHS, proposal) to provide time for the Committee to examine the research and make recommendations. The following should be taken into consideration:

1. A "subject" is any human being exposed to a research procedure. This includes living donors of body fluids, organs and tissues. A "subject at risk" is any individual who may be exposed to the possibility of injury, including physical, psychological, or social injury, as a consequence of participation as a subject in any research, developmental, or related activity which departs from the application of those established and accepted methods necessary to meet the needs, or which increases the ordinary risks of daily life, including the recognized risks inherent in a chosen occupation or field of service.
2. Even if human tissues are obtained from another institution, the individual using them is responsible, in the last analysis, for their proper initial procurement.
3. All research, whether or not under Public Health Service grants, is subject to these restrictions.
4. Not only is all **ongoing research** subject to these restrictions, but also any **proposed research**.
5. The Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects is an **Ad Hoc** Committee of The University of Texas at Dallas Academic Council. The Committee has the authority to delay or reject research proposals that are found to reflect either:
 - a. insufficient regard for the rights of human subjects, or
 - b. insufficient scientific benefit from the research in light of risks to human subjects.

It is the **primary responsibility of the individual** to inform the Committee of any ongoing or proposed research involving human beings in the broadest sense.