POLICY

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See Also: PRO-U4520.08A Protecting Human Participants in Research
POL-U4520.02 Addressing Responsible Conduct of Research
POL-U5315.21 Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults and Reporting Concerns of Safety or Welfare

POL-U4520.08 PROTECTING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH

Definitions:

Human Participant (Participant): A living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains data through intervention or interaction with the individual or identifiable private information. Also referred to as a “Human Subject.” 45 CFR § 46.102(f)

Human Participants Research: Intervening or interacting with live human beings, manipulating the participants’ environment, or obtaining identifiable or private information or identifiable human biological specimens from any source for research purposes. 45 CFR §102(f).

Human Participant Research Ethics Training Certificate (Ethics Training): A certificate issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) course entitled “Protecting Human Research Participants” or Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI).

1. This policy applies to individuals in colleges, departments, and units conducting human participants research.

Research involving humans at Western Washington University is guided by the ethical principles regarding research involving human participants set forth in the report of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research (the Belmont Report). The minimum standards are established by Code of Federal Regulations,Title 45, Part 6 (45 CFR § 46). The Belmont Report and 45 CFR § 46 establish the basis for the definitions below and the value of protecting the rights of human research participants, while facilitating the highest quality research. Western Washington University’s policies and guidance on this subject, including the WWU Institutional Review Board Handbook, are administered by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.