

## Applying to NYUAD IRB as non-Faculty (Undergrad, Graduate, Doctoral Candidate, Post-Doc)

NYUAD students and other investigators on a research team who wish to conduct research with human subjects will be required to obtain approval from the NYUAD IRB before commencing research.

Here are some definitions and basic guidance to get you started:

**What counts as research?** Research is a systematic investigation – including research development, testing, and evaluation – designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

Senior Capstone projects are often recognized as “research”

**How do I know if my research involves ‘Human Subjects’?** If your investigations involves obtaining (1) Data through intervention or interaction with individuals, and/or, (2) Identifiable private information, then it is likely your project involves Human Subjects Research. See Decision Tree #1 under the Decision Tree tab for more information on this.

**How do I know if I’m an ‘investigator’ in Human Subjects Research?** If you are performing various tasks related to the conduct of human subjects research activities then you’re considered an investigator, some examples include:

- Obtaining information about living individuals by intervening or interacting with them for research purposes (e.g. conducting interviews, surveys, questionnaires; preparing participants for an experiment or running an experiment with participants);
- Obtaining identifiable private information about living individuals for research purposes;
- Obtaining the voluntary informed consent of individuals to be subjects in research; and
- Studying, interpreting, or analyzing identifiable private information or data for research purposes.
- Communicating with the IRB to facilitate the review/approval of a protocol

### **I’ve been asked to submit an IRB protocol, what does this consist of?**

An IRB protocol comprises the full package describing all proposed human research activities under a project. A full protocol typically includes:

- A completed IRB application form
- All recruitment materials in final form (e.g. posters, info leaflets, text of internet/social media posts, emails or verbal scripts, etc.)
- Consent and assent form(s)
- Any experimenter instructions or scripts explaining the research activity to potential participants (if applicable)

- A detailed description of the research instrument, including copies of any surveys, questionnaires, experimental tasks, interview questions, etc.

The IRB protocol should be sent to the IRB office electronically to initiate the review process.

**Other important information to keep in mind:**

Only NYUAD faculty with institutional-paid appointments (or PIs on Institute Grants) may serve as the Principal Investigator or as the faculty supervisor on a student research project involving human subjects.

To conduct research under a faculty member's already approved research protocol, investigators must be added to the protocol via an amendment submitted by the Faculty Investigator to the IRB for approval. The student/researcher must be listed as a member of the research team, either as a co-investigator or other personnel. The amendment should specify their role in the research and extent of human subjects involvement.

All NYUAD Investigators listed on a protocol must complete human subjects training. Under NYUAD's Federal Wide Assurance, all investigators must demonstrate a basic knowledge of human research ethics, regulations, laws and local policies before initiating research with human subjects. Such training is assured for all research personnel who are involved with human research subjects by completing an on-line program through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). Please visit the CITI Training tab for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the NYUAD IRB Office, at +971 262 84313 or [irbnyuad@nyu.edu](mailto:irbnyuad@nyu.edu)