A project requires *HRPP/IRB review* when three conditions are met: 1) the project is considered research, 2) the project involves human subjects, and 3) CUNY is engaged in the research. Please review the information below to determine if your project fits these three criteria.

For more information about when HRPP or IRB review is required, please review [CUNY’s HRPP Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines page](#) and the [Guidance Document on When HRPP or IRB Review is Required](#).
Is My Project Considered Research?*

*Both 45 CFR 46.102(d) and (f) must be applicable to a particular research study in order for a project to be determined “human subjects research”.

* Systematic Investigation (research development, testing, and evaluation)
  + Designed to develop contribute to generalizable knowledge
  = Project is considered "research" according to 45 CFR 46.102(d) Definition.

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Does My Research Project Involve Human Subjects?*

*Both 45 CFR 46.102(d) and (f) must be applicable to a particular research study in order for a project to be determined “human subjects research”.

- Living Individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains data through intervention or interaction with the individual.
- OR
- Identifiable private information.

Project involves human subjects according to 45 CFR 46.102(f) Definition.
Is CUNY Engaged in Research Activities?*

CUNY Employees or Agents for the purposes of the research project

Obtains

Data about subjects through intervention or interaction with them

OR

Identifiable private information about the subjects of the research

OR

The informed consent of human subjects for research

CUNY is “engaged” in research activities per CUNY Guidance 3.9 and OHRP Guidance

*CUNY applies OHRP Guidance on Engagement of Institutions to determine CUNY’s engagement in all research, regardless of funding.