



Suffolk County Community College (the College) is committed to the protection of students, employees, and others who may conduct or participate in research or externally-funded educational projects involving human subjects, which are sponsored by, or associated with, the College. In accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), and requirements of federal grant agencies and the State of New York, the College's Institutional Review Board (IRB) is charged with ensuring this protection and rendering decisions regarding research and educational projects that impact the College community. The primary role of the IRB is to ensure that the College's students, faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as individuals involved in College-approved and sanctioned research or educational projects, are protected from unnecessary harm and risk.

A. Living individual(s) about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with an individual, or (2) identifiable private information (45 CFR 46.102[d]).

B. A systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. (45 CFR 46.102[d]) If the activity meets this standard, it is defined as research (e.g. dissertation research). If an activity uses human subjects data that is regularly and routinely gathered at the institution, does not require new, additional, or significantly altered data gathering procedures, or if the activity is not sponsored by an external agency or does not test a hypothesis, it likely does not constitute research (e.g. assessment of student learning).

A. All proposed research or educational projects involving human subjects will be reviewed by the IRB to ensure compliance with all applicable law, rules and regulations.

B. This policy applies to the following:

1. All College faculty, staff, and students using College facilities or the facilities of an off-campus site for the purpose of conducting research or for externally funded projects involving human subjects;

2. Persons who are not College employees or students who wish to use College facilities for such projects; and

3. Persons who wish to conduct projects with College employees or students as subjects, regardless of the project's location.

C. The IRB shall be empowered and responsible to:

1. Determine whether

C. To ensure an IRB

