

Faculty Assurance Form for Classroom Research Projects

For classroom research projects that 1) involve human participants for instructional purposes only, 2) involve no more than minimal risk to the participants, and 3) do not involve vulnerable populations, instructors who supervise the student researchers should complete this *Faculty Assurance Form for Classroom Research Projects*.

This procedure allows instructors to take responsibility for ensuring appropriate design, research and ethical conduct of class projects involving human participants. Instructors should be aware that such projects must be consistent with Oklahoma Baptist University IRB policies, ethical standards and the welfare of human participants' criteria. A *Faculty Assurance Form for Classroom Research Projects* should be submitted each academic year for a course requiring student research on human subjects.

IRB review is required for students whose class projects:

1. Present greater than minimal risk to research participants.
2. Are intended for publication or presentation outside the classroom, including thesis presentation.
3. Involve vulnerable populations such as prisoners, children, or pregnant women.
4. Involve research on potentially sensitive materials such as physical or mental disorders, rape, molestation, eating disorders or criminal behavior.

Assurances:

1. As the faculty member supervising this course, I am familiar with Oklahoma Baptist University's IRB policies as well as the guidelines for the ethical treatment of human subjects associated with my field of inquiry and will ensure that my students adhere to these guidelines.
2. I assume responsibility for ensuring that course-related research projects involving any of the categories identified above are properly submitted to the IRB for review.
3. I will provide the IRB Chair a list of titles and student name for classroom projects I approve and supervise.

Instructor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Department Chair Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Course Title and Number: _____

Academic Year: _____

Department: _____

Please submit this form and a list of student researchers and their research projects to the OBU IRB Chair.