

Graduate Student Human Subjects Application
New Policy

Due to the high number of graduate student human subjects applications that initially failed to meet the requirements of the IU Human Subjects Committee in the past, the School of Education Human Subjects Sub-Committee and the Graduate Programs Committee recommend the following new policy:

Graduate students who conduct research that utilizes human subjects must have their human subjects protocol reviewed and signed by the Human Subjects Compliance Specialist in the School of Education prior to having the faculty sponsor sign the form and prior to submitting it to the IU Human Subjects Committee (IRB) for review.

Procedure

Graduate student applications not reviewed and signed by the Human Subjects Compliance Specialist prior to Committee submission will be returned to the student without review. Graduate students must allow 2-3 days for the Compliance Specialist to review the human subjects application and must supply the Compliance specialist with a complete application packet after obtaining their faculty sponsor=s signature. This will allow the Compliance Specialist to maintain records for each graduate student=s human subject applications material(s).

Comment

It is believed this policy change will help both the graduate student and the faculty sponsors. First, it will help the student by providing a resource for information and guidance through the often-confusing human subjects application and approval process. Second, the faculty will benefit by not having to stay current on the ever-changing human subjects process. The faculty can be confident that if the Compliance Specialist has signed-off on a graduate student applications, compliance issues have been addressed as well as issues of grammar, working, formatting, etc.