

## WORKSHEET 301- IS MY PROJECT "HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH"?

### I. Is my project "Research"?

1. Is my project a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge?

- My research project has a protocol or plan.... (includes needs assessment, testing, evaluation)  Yes  No
- I plan to publish and/or present the findings from my research to a journal (including Masters Thesis/ Dissertation) or national conference....  Yes  No  
Note: This is NOT inclusive to research for class projects to be submitted only to instructor for a grade
- I intend to contribute my findings from my research knowledge outside my institution (e.g., outside of UH)...  Yes  No

I checked **YES TO ALL OF THE ABOVE** → Proceed to Section II

I checked at least one **NO TO ONE OF THE ABOVE** → **STOP HERE.**

Your project **DOES NOT** meet the federal definition of research. No application is needed.

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### II. Does my research involve “Human Subjects”?

<p>1. Does my research project involve <b>only</b> the analysis of publicly available data? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census data ...</li> <li>• Large public survey data sets with no individual identifiers...</li> <li>• Public information available on internet...</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note: Information gathered from the internet that does not require a password</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, → STOP HERE</p> <p>My research DOES NOT meet the federal definition of human subjects research. No IRB application is needed.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, proceed to Question 2.</p>
<p>2. My research involves obtaining information about living individuals AND the information will be obtained through intervention or interaction with these individuals?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes --&gt; my research project requires IRB approval.</p> <p>Complete a “<b>NEW APPLICATION FOR INITIAL REVIEW</b>”</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, proceed to Question 3.</p>
<p>3. My research involves obtaining information about living individuals AND I will access private information from which individuals can be identified directly or indirectly through a link or code?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes --&gt; my research project requires IRB approval.</p> <p>Complete a “<b>NEW APPLICATION FOR INITIAL REVIEW</b>”</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No → My research DOES NOT meet the federal definition of human subjects research. No IRB application is needed.</p>