

What Students Should Know BEFORE Beginning Research at Wayne State University

Research is regulated by Federal, State and local agencies. Wayne State University (WSU) is committed to providing a user friendly and informed research environment for its students that is based upon the highest research standards.

Federal Regulations require that **before beginning** any human participant research, you must obtain approval from the WSU Institutional Review Board, or Human Investigation Committee (HIC). You may not be able to use your research data if you fail to obtain permission from the HIC prior to beginning your research. Other disciplinary actions may also apply to cases of noncompliance with this requirement.

Note that there is **mandatory on-line training** required for all investigators (including students and their faculty supervisors) who submit research projects to the HIC for review. These training modules, which can be found at <http://www.rcr.wayne.edu>, must be completed before HIC approval can be given to a research project.

Research on human subjects is defined as a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalized knowledge. See the HIC website at www.hic.wayne.edu for a more detailed definition. If you have any questions about HIC policies or procedures please call the office at 577-1968.

For more information, please visit these other websites:

- Office for Research Compliance <http://www.research.wayne.edu/compliance>
- Graduate School www.gradschool.wayne.edu