1. PURPOSE
   1. This policy defines when student initiated projects require review and approval from the George Washington University Institutional Review Board (GW IRB).
2. GUIDANCE
   1. Research initiated by students, graduate or doctoral, as a part of graduation requirements by means of practicum, thesis, capstone project, or dissertation.
   2. Student initiated research is defined as a project which:
      1. is required for a graduate or doctoral degree;
      2. is supervised by an advisor or committee chair;
   3. If the student is conducting the project under the auspice of GW, and GW is the only site engaged in human subjects research, submission to the GW IRB is required.
   4. Students affiliated with other institutions (such as a hospital or academic organization) that seek IRB approval at their local institution should:
      1. If the project has been designated as “Exempt” at the local institution, provide GW IRB with a copy of the documents submitted locally along with the designation letter. GW IRB will make a final determination regarding further action. HRP-200 (Initial Review Application) should only be submitted if requested.
      2. If the project has been designated as “Expedited” or “minimal risk” at the local institution, students and faculty or staff should confer with GW IRB regarding an Institutional Authorization Agreement.
      3. If the student is engaged in ongoing research at another institution and is listed as a research team member covered by the local IRB, no further action is required.
   5. Residents wishing to continue to engage in human subjects research initiated at a previous institution should confer with GW IRB regarding an Institutional Authorization agreement. In these instances, the residents may serve as the GW Principal Investigator.
   6. Students conducting research under the purview of GWI IRB must:
      1. Complete FORM - Student Investigator Responsibilities Agreement (HRP-290) and submit the signed copy with the HRP-200
      2. Abide by INVESTIGATOR GUIDANCE- INVESTIGATOR OBLIGATIONS (HRP-800)
3. ****Reference(s)****
   1. 45 CFR Part 46.