GW Policy on Exempt Research

GW requires that all proposed human subjects research must be either: 1) reviewed and approved by an IRB prior to initiation; or 2) the research must be found to be exempt from federal regulations and from GW’s exceptions to the federal exempt categories.

The GW IRBs, any IRB designated by the Organization, designated OHR staff, or designated outside IRB consultants, have been granted the authority to review proposed research and determine whether it qualifies as exempt research.

The IRBs are authorized to determine that proposed research which qualifies for an exemption should be referred for an expedited or convened review process. GW’s review process for proposed exempt research determinations will be documented.