

## Human Research Protection Program

UNL is committed to maintaining the highest ethical principles in the conduct of research with human subjects through the UNL Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and Institutional Review Board (IRB). Everyone, including researchers, work together to oversee the protection of human subjects participating in research conducted by UNL faculty, staff, students and affiliates.

The HRPP is managed by the Research Compliance Services office.

### Research Compliance Services

University of Nebraska–Lincoln  
**Human Research  
Protection Program  
(HRPP)**

Are you thinking about  
conducting research  
with human subjects  
or their information?

### Research Compliance Services

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## Human Research

### What is research?

Research is defined as a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

### What research must be reviewed by the Institutional Review Board?

All research involving human subjects must be reviewed. This includes all primary data collection and any secondary data that could potentially be linked to living persons.

**Submit all research projects through NUgrant:**  
<http://nugrant.unl.edu>

## Three Levels of Review

### Exempt

This research is less than minimal risk to non-vulnerable subjects and is certified internally by Research Compliance Services.

### Expedited

This research is no greater than minimal risk to non-vulnerable subjects and is reviewed by an IRB member.

### Full Board

This research involves vulnerable research subjects and is deemed to be greater than minimal risk. Projects are reviewed by a convened board. Projects involving full board review must be submitted by the first business day of each month to be considered for that month's meeting.

## Average Review Timelines

All timelines are based on initial submission dates to the RCS office ending with final approval from the IRB.

**Exempt**  
4 weeks

**Expedited**  
5 weeks

**Full Board**  
1-2 months

(Review timelines vary depending upon the time of year submitted and complexity of the protocol.)

## Education

Human research curriculum available online:  
<https://www.citiprogram.org>  
*\*Required*

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