

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

The mission of South University's IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human participants in research by reviewing all proposed research to be conducted by or with faculty, staff, and/or students of South University. The IRB will ensure that participants are treated in an ethical manner that is also in compliance with federal regulations and the principles outlined in the Belmont Report. Oversight of the IRB will be maintained by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA). This role will include coordination and consultation with the College and School Deans. Direct oversight of the IRB is maintained by the IRB Director of Training and Compliance, Assistant Director of Training and Compliance, and the IRB committee. According to HHS guidelines, an IRB should contain at least five members who are sensitive to community attitudes and knowledgeable about institutional commitments and regulations and as well as applicable laws and standards of professional conduct. There should be at least one member with a nonscientific concern, at least one member with a scientific concern, and at least one member from the community who is not otherwise affiliated with the institution. IRB information is available at the inside South University website. Research applications are submitted to the IRB (irb@southuniversity.edu) and reviewed at regularly scheduled committee meetings.