An activity must meet two federal definitions, “Research” and “Human Subjects”, in order for the activity to be considered, “Human Subjects Research”.

All human subjects research, regardless of sponsorship MUST be reviewed and approved by The University of Tulsa Institutional Review Board (TU IRB).

**IS THE ACTIVITY RESEARCH?**

A.) The activity is a systematic investigation, including research development and testing.  
YES ☐  NO ☐

B.) The activity obtains identifiable private information (participant identity is or may be readily determined by PI)  
YES ☐  NO ☐

*If you answered YES to both of the above questions, the activity is research. Continue with checklist.

**DOES THE ACTIVITY INVOLVE HUMAN SUBJECTS?**

A) The activity obtains data through intervention or interaction with the participant.  
YES ☐  NO ☐

B.) The activity obtains identifiable private information (participant identity is or may be readily determined by PI)  
YES ☐  NO ☐

*If you answered YES to one of the above questions, the activity involves human subjects.

If the activity meets both of the above federal definitions, your study is Human Subjects Research.

*If you are still not sure that your activity meets one or both of the definitions, please contact the TU IRB office.

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