Dear TU Research Community:

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union law that went into effect on May 25, 2018, and establishes protections for privacy and security of “personal data” about individuals in European Economic Area (EEA)-based operations and certain non-EEA organizations that process personal data of individuals residing in the EEA. This law applies to anyone whose identifiable personal data is being collected or processed while physically located in one of the EEA affected countries, regardless of citizenship. Under the GDPR the definition of, “identifiable personal data” is much stricter than our federal policy for the protections of human subjects (the Common Rule) or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and penalty fees for non-compliance are very high.

Although research activities were not the focus of this new regulation, research has been affected by it and institutions of higher education and other research institutions must address it in every area where it may apply.

NEW GUIDANCE INFORMATION ON THE EU GDPR AND HOW IT AFFECTS RESEARCH OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IS ON TU IRB WEBPAGE!
https://utulsa.edu/research/office-research/research-compliance/irb-protection-human-subjects/

- **New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Frequently Asked Questions-FAQs**
  The University of Tulsa Institutional Review Board (IRB) has added a new guidance document to explain how this regulation may affect your research with human subjects study. You will find this document on the main TU IRB webpage under the “TU IRB Guidance and Reference Materials” section.

- **New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Informed Consent and Notice Requirements**
  The University of Tulsa Institutional Review Board (IRB) has added a summary document with information about the informed consent and notice requirements for studies that are subject to the EU GDPR requirements. You will find this document on the main TU IRB webpage under the “TU IRB Informed Consent Form Options” section.

If you have further questions please contact the Research Compliance Coordinator at carmen-schaar-walden@utulsa.edu or 918-631-3310