Student Research

Criteria to determine if a student research project requires IRB consent:

Student research that **does not** require IRB consent:
1. The data collected is to be used only for class requirements to be presented in oral or written form in the classroom.
2. The data is to be presented outside the classroom, but there are no human or animal subjects.

Student Research that **requires** IRB consent:
1. The research is to be presented outside the classroom setting (Scholar's Colloquium, Professional Meetings, Scholarly Journal, etc.).
2. And, there are human or animal subjects.

Ethical Considerations

1. All participants must be informed of the purpose of the project and sign a consent form before data can be collected.
2. All data collected including surveys, interview results, photographs, recordings and any other response material must be stored in a secure site provided by your instructor.
3. Participant responses must be anonymous or confidential.
4. The investigators and instructor will be the only individuals allowed access to the data.

IRB Process
1. Submit any research projects requiring IRB approval to Dr. Jennifer Dabbs, IRB Chairperson at jennifer.dabbs@lcu.edu. Submissions should include all forms on the IRB website.
2. You will receive inquiries from the IRB that will typically require certain modifications of your proposal. These modifications must be submitted to receive final IRB approval. This approval is required to allow the use of the material outside of the classroom setting.
3. You will receive a formal letter with a stamp from the IRB granting permission to proceed with your research.

Questions need to be directed to Dr. Jennifer Dabbs, IRB Chairman. Email address: jennifer.dabbs@lcu.edu .