

Research Requests

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What is the Research Review Committee?

- An Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Research Review Committee (RRC) is a committee established to review and approve research involving human subjects. The purpose of the IRB is to ensure that all human and animal subject research be conducted in accordance with all federal, institutional, and ethical guidelines.
- Provide stakeholders at Laredo College with information, guidance, forms, and related materials needed to secure approval for human subject research.
- The Research Review Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month to review submitted applications. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Who is the Research Review Committee?

- **Dr. David Arreazola**, Compliance and Risk Management
- **Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina**, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
- **Dr. Veronica Martinez**, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness
- **Dr. Michael Martinez**, Nursing
- **Dr. Elizabeth C. Rodriguez**, Academic Innovation and Technology
- **Dr. Esmeralda Vargas**, Physical Therapy Assistant
- **Leslie Ortega**, Natural Sciences
- **Maria Luisa Ramirez**, Institutional Research
- **Selinda Martinez**, Natural Sciences
- **Linda Gamez**, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

What type of research needs approval?

- Surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, interviews
- Games, experiments, or tasks in physical or in electronic environments
- Physical or biomedical procedures – imaging, scanning, blood collections, exercise
- Diet or nutrition studies, taste tests
- Studies examining effectiveness of educational strategies, teaching methods, curricula
- Use of instruments, sensors, electronic devices, apps, software, or recording mechanisms (e.g., video, screen capture, key logging, etc.) to collect data or monitor or influence behavior
- Observation of private behavior (in physical or online environments, including social media)
- Studies examining individuals' responses to manipulation of their physical or online environment
- Any other activity that involves observation of, or interaction with, individuals to gather information for research (in physical or online environments, including social media)

What type of research DOES NOT need approval?

- **Course-related activities** designed specifically for educational or teaching purposes, where data is collected from and about human subjects as part of a class exercise or assignment but are not intended for use outside of the classroom. Example: instruction on research methods and techniques.
- **Data collection** for internal departmental, school, or other College administrative purposes.
- **Service surveys** issued or completed by College personnel for the intent and purposes of improving services and programs.
- **Information-gathering interviews** where questions focused on things, products, or policies rather than people or their thoughts regarding themselves.
- **Biography or oral history research** involving a living individual that is not generalizable beyond that individual.
- **Quality improvement projects** are generally not considered research unless there is a clear intent to contribute to generalizable knowledge.
- **Case histories** which are published and/or presented at national or regional meetings are not considered research if the case is limited to a description of the clinical features and/or outcome of a single patient and do not contribute to generalizable knowledge
- **Publicly available data** do not require IRB review.



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Components of a Research Proposal



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Thank You



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