HUMAN SUBJECTS EDUCATION POLICY

CHANGE IN HUMAN SUBJECTS EDUCATION FOR RESEARCHERS

CITI Human Subjects Training Required September 1, 2018

To ensure Lamar researchers (faculty/staff/students) are adequately educated about the protection of human subjects during research studies, the Lamar University Institutional Review Board (IRB) will only accept human subjects training completed using our affiliation with CITI, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative.

Beginning September 1, 2018 Lamar’s IRB will no longer accept NIH human subjects training and will only accept CITI. Researchers are required to provide evidence of successful completion of CITI Human Subjects education within the last three years when applying for IRB approval.

All researchers need to be well versed in ethical standards and principles to protect the rights and well-being of humans who serve as research subjects. Lamar University’s Institutional Review Board requires Lamar researchers to complete human subjects training for several years. A survey demonstrates that CITI human subject education has become the leading recognized standard.

CITI training is free to Lamar researchers and can be accessed directly via a link on the Lamar Use of Human Subjects in Research IRB page.

Researchers should register with CITI by selecting Lamar University as their organization. There is no cost for the education when researchers register by selecting Lamar University. Researchers can select to complete either the Biomedical or Social and Behavioral track. To successfully complete the modules, researchers must achieve an 80% or better on the post tests for each module. The completion certificate will then need to be saved by the researcher and attached when completing the IRB submission via LU Cayuse.