Brandeis University IRB Review Determination Tree

Is the activity a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge?

No

Activity is not research and does not require IRB approval

Research is not human subject research and does not require IRB approval

Yes

Does the research involve obtaining information about or biospecimens from living individuals?

No

Research requires IRB approval. Submit an Exempt Research Application.

Yes

Research requires IRB approval. Submit an Initial Application.

No

Research is not human subject research and does not require IRB approval

Does the research involve only secondary data or biospecimens?

Yes

Are the data or biospecimens coded or linked to the identity of the subjects in any way?

No

Research requires IRB approval. Submit Secondary Data Application.

No

Does the research involve obtaining information about or biospecimens from living individuals?

Yes

Is or may the identity of the subjects or biospecimens be readily ascertained by the investigator?

No

Research is not research and does not require IRB approval

Yes

Does the research involve an intervention or interaction with individuals for the use, study, or analysis of their information?

No

Does the research involve deception, prisoners, or risks/discomfort/distress beyond those the subject would encounter in daily life?

Yes

Research requires IRB approval. Submit an Exempt Research Application.

No

Does all of the involvement with the subjects fall into an exempt category?

Yes

Research requires IRB approval. Submit an Initial Application.