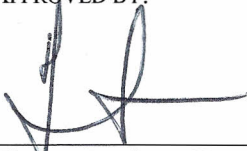




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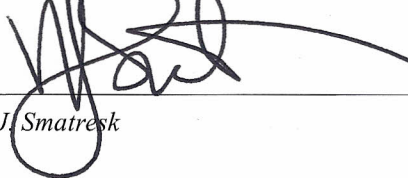
**POLICY ON RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS**

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICE(S):** OFFICE OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY – HUMAN SUBJECTS  
**ORIGINALLY ISSUED:** 2002  
**APPROVALS:** APPROVED BY:

  
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*Thomas Piechota, Vice President for Research*

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT:

  
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*Neal J. Smatresk*

6/26/13  
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*Date*

**REVISION DATE:** JUNE 2013

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that members of the campus community adhere to federal, state, and local regulations, as well as university rules and procedures, when conducting research involving human subjects.

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**ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY**

All UNLV faculty, staff, and students involved in human subjects research.

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**WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY**

All UNLV faculty, staff, and students.

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**POLICY**

UNLV faculty, staff, and students involved in human subjects research must comply with all applicable federal human subjects laws, regulations and policies, as well as all other applicable university, local, and/or state laws, regulations and policies.

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Integrity – Human Subjects (ORI-HS) or one of UNLV’s Institutional Review Boards (IRBs). The ORI-HS and the IRBs have the authority to determine the need for and level of IRB review of research that involves (or may involve) human subjects and will establish and maintain the UNLV Rules and Procedures for Conducting Human Subjects Research (“UNLV Rules and Procedures”). The IRB also has the authority to make a determination of noncompliance and to issue a corrective action plan.

Failure to obtain the required reviews and approvals prior to conducting any research activities involving human subjects, and/or neglecting to follow applicable UNLV Rules and Procedures, as well as instructions or guidelines issued by the IRB, prior to, during and after the conduct of research or research-related activities involving human subjects may result in the termination or suspension of a research protocol or other appropriate corrective actions.

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#### RELATED DOCUMENTS

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Code of Federal Regulations Title 45 Public Welfare Department of Health and Human Services Part 46 Protection of Human Subjects:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.html>

Terms of the U.S. Federal Wide Assurance

<http://archive.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/assurance/filasurt.htm>

UNLV Rules and Procedures for Conducting Human Subjects Research

<http://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/24/rules-procedures.pdf>

UNLV Office of Research Integrity – Human Subjects Standard Operating Procedures.

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#### DEFINITIONS

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**Institutional Review Board (IRB)** is a committee that performs ethical review of proposed research.

**Research** means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. This includes, but is not limited to, activities involving recruiting and interacting with potential subjects.

**Human subject** means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains:

- (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or
  - (2) Identifiable private information (45 CFR 46.102.f).
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