

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

All research involving human beings or vertebrate animals conducted at Salem State College or by Salem State College faculty or students under the sponsorship of Salem State College must be submitted to the Salem State College Institutional Review Board (IRB) for review before the start of the research. An IRB application form, which can be obtained from the IRB web site (<http://www.salemstate.edu/irb>), should be used for all research application submissions to the IRB. Six copies of all applications should be submitted to the IRB Administrator in the Graduate School. There are three categories of application depending on the level of risk to participants: exempt, expedited or full committee review. Applications are reviewed on a regular basis. Applicants are informed of the results of an IRB review, generally within two weeks of submission and for full committee review as soon as possible after each meeting. A schedule of IRB meetings during the academic year is available on the IRB web site. Approval of materials between June 1 and August 31 depends upon the availability of the committee, but generally take 2-3 weeks. Investigators should keep copies of all IRB materials, including approved applications, consent forms, data collection instruments, etc., in a locked file cabinet for three years after the completion of the project. For more information, instructions and forms, visit the IRB web site, <http://www.salemstate.edu/irb> or e-mail the IRB at irb@salemstate.edu or contact the Graduate School at 978.542.6310.