DOES YOUR RESEARCH STUDY INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS QUALIFY FOR EXEMPT STATUS?

Will the only* involvement of human subjects be in one or more of the categories below?

**“Only” means that no non-exempt activities are involved. Research that includes exempt and non-exempt activities is not exempt.**

- **Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices** 
  [CFR 46.101 (b)(1)]
  - Yes: Apply for Exemption I*
  - No: Go to Exemption II or III Decision Chart

- **Research involving the use of educational tests, survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior** 
  [CFR 46.101 (b)(2) and 45 CFR 46.101(b)(3)]
  - Yes: Go to Exemption II or III Decision Chart
  - No: Apply for Exemption IV*

- **Research involving collection or study of existing data, documents, records or specimens** 
  [CFR 46.101 (b)(4)]
  - Yes: Apply for Exemption IV*
  - No: Apply for Exemption VI*

- **Research involving taste and food quality evaluation or consumer acceptance studies** 
  [CFR 46.101 (b)(6)]
  - Yes: Apply for Exemption VI*
  - No: If the study DOES fall into one of the above categories, it is most likely EXEMPT. Use the Davidson College IRB Application for Exempt Research. If the study DOES NOT fall into one of the above categories, it is most likely NON-EXEMPT. Use the general Davidson College IRB Application.

If you have questions, contact hsirb@davidson.edu.

*Exemption numbers refer to the Exemption Sections on the IRB Application for Exempt Research.