Does Your Project Require an Application to the Davidson College IRB Office? (FACULTY: If this is a class project, click <u>HERE</u>)

Will you, a member of your research team or a collaborator, observe, interact with, or intervene with individuals to gather information that will be used for research ¹ ?	NO,	Research will onl use existing data
Is the project a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge ¹ ?	NO	Refer to <u>Guidanc</u> on Existing and/o Secondary Data
Will the project products (e.g., published material) be limited to only documenting or reporting on events, situations, policies, institutions or systems without the intent to form hypotheses, draw conclusions, or generalize findings?	YES	Secondary Data
✓ NO Will the project involve vulnerable subjects ² or sensitive topics ³ ?		
► NO Is the focus of the project only on products, methods, policies, procedures, organizations: e.g., interviewing transportation staff and officials about parking or transportation policies and procedures?	YES	Not human participant researc
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Is the focus of the project on people or their opinions, perceptions, choices, decisions regarding themselves or how methods, policies, procedures, organizations, etc., affect them or their environment?	NO ,	IRB Office is neede
▼ YES		
Will the project involve scholarly and journalistic activities (e.g., oral history ⁴ , journalism ⁵ , biography, literary criticism, legal research and historical scholarship)?	YES	ES
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Will your study use methods such as participant observation and ethnographic studies, in which investigators gather information from individuals in order to understand their beliefs, customs, and practices, and the findings apply to the studied community or group and not just the individuals from whom the information was obtained?	NO YES	

Project <u>is</u> research with human subjects. An application to the <u>IRB office</u> and written notice of approval is required before the study can begin. Forms are available at <u>http://www.davidson.edu/offices/grants-and-contracts/human-subjects-irb</u>.

¹Systematic investigations (research) designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge are those designed to draw general conclusions, inform policy, or generalize findings beyond a single individual or an internal program (e.g., publications or presentations). However, research results do not have to be published or presented to qualify the experiment or data gathering as research. The intent to contribute to "generalizable (scholarly) knowledge" makes an experiment or data collection research, regardless of publication. Research that never is published is still research. Participants in research studies deserve protection whether or not the research is published.

²Vulnerable subjects: Study participants who are likely to be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence, such as minors under the age of 18, prisoners, human fetuses and neonates, individuals with impaired decision-making ability, or persons whose economic status would leave them susceptible to coercion (45 CFR 46).

³Sensitive topics include: sexual orientation, sexually-transmitted diseases, incest, rape or date rape, sexual harassment, molestation, race relations, use of licit or illicit drugs, eating disorders, abortion, contraception or pregnancy, the subjects' own mental health (suicide, depression, compulsive behaviors), religion, illegal conduct, stressful experiences.

⁴Oral history is a recorded conversation about the past with named individuals in which knowledge about specific events and individual lives is narrated in story form and made available to the public through deposit in archives. Biographical in nature and historical in scope, the scholarly oral history interview is rooted in particular recollections about history based on the individual perspective of the narrator.

⁵Journalism includes activities focused on the collection, verification, and reporting of information or facts on current events, trends, newsworthy issues or stories about people or events, with no intent to develop or test a hypothesis.