

**BECKER COLLEGE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
FACULTY ATTESTATION FORM**

Use this form ONLY if you are a member of the Becker College faculty and you are assigning a human subject research assignment which you believe to be EXEMPT from IRB review. Please review the IRB Glossary for a definition of exempt review. Please note that the IRB recommends that you complete the human subject research training course available from the National Institute of Health.

Faculty Member Information:

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Exempt Research Information:

Title and number of course in which research is being conducted:

Title/short description of research assignment: _____

List how the information collected will be shared/displayed: _____

List how the information collected will be stored, protecting anonymity of sources and confidentiality of information: _____

Regarding the above assignment, I attest that all of the following statements are true (initial each one):

_____ The research does not involve as subjects prisoners, fetuses, pregnant women, the critically ill, or mentally or cognitively compromised adults.

_____ The research does not involve the collection or recording of behavior which, if known outside the research, could reasonably place subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subject's financial standing, employability, or reputation.

_____ The research does not involve the collection of information regarding sensitive aspects of subjects' behavior (e.g., drug or alcohol use, illegal conduct, sexual behavior).

_____The research does not involve subjects under the age of 18 (except as they are participating in projects that fall under categories 1, 3, 4, and/or 5 in Part B). Category B 2 studies that include minors should be submitted for expedited review.

_____The research does not involve deception.

_____The procedures of this research are generally free of foreseeable risk to the subject.

_____The research does not require a waiver from informed consent procedures.

Furthermore, I attest that at least one of the following statements is true (indicate which one by placing your initials next to it):

_____ The research is conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings and involving normal educational practices (e.g., research on regular and special education instructional strategies, research on instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods).

_____ The research involves the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, where information is recorded anonymously (i.e., so that the human subject cannot be identified, directly or indirectly through identifiers linked to the subject). All survey/interview/observational research in which elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office serve as subjects is Exempt, whether or not data collection is anonymous.

_____ The research involves the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens. These sources must be either publicly available or the information must be recorded anonymously (i.e., in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subject).

_____ The research (including demonstration projects) is conducted by or subject to the approval of federal department or agency heads, and designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine (i) public benefit or service programs (e.g., social security, welfare, etc.); (ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (iii) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

_____ The research involves taste or food quality evaluations or consumer acceptance studies, where the tested products are wholesome foods without additives or foods which contain additives at or below levels found to be safe by the FDA or approved by the EPA of the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I attest that all of the above is true.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to Ursula Furi-Perry, Chair of the Becker IRB, 36 Roxbury Street, Fleming Hall, Room 25, Worcester, MA 01609.

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