

Does the activity you plan to conduct involve using human subjects?

Do you plan to interact with a living person in some way, or conduct some kind of intervention with a living person?

Respond "Yes" if you are contacting a living person in any way, such as by email, listserv, phone, or face-to-face interaction, or if you are observing or recording individuals when they can reasonably expect that no such observation or recording will occur. Respond "No" if you are working with existing data or specimens that were collected by someone else, such as public records or data from a previously conducted research study, if you are observing public behavior, or if you are obtaining data only about individuals who are deceased.

Yes

No

During this interaction or intervention, will you seek any information about the person (i.e. behavior, beliefs, experiences, medical status, economic status) or collect any biological specimens (saliva, blood, hair, etc.)?

Can a subject be individually identified by any data, information, or specimens you obtain? (Can the subject's identity be "readily ascertained?")

No

Yes

Yes

No

This activity may not meet the IRB definition of human subjects research. The investigator should complete a brief application in the UNCW IRBIS system to notify the IRB of the activity, and upload any questionnaire, survey or interview questions that are planned to obtain confirmation that no human subjects are used. Please refer to **UNCW IRB SOP #1.1** for additional information on and requirements for research that does not involve "human subjects."

This activity meets the IRB definition of human subjects research. The investigator must complete an application in the UNCW IRBIS system and obtain approval prior to conducting the activity. Please refer to relevant **UNCW IRB SOPs** for additional information on and requirements for human subjects research.

This activity likely does not meet the IRB definition of human subjects research. The investigator is encouraged to complete a brief application in the UNCW IRBIS system to notify the IRB of the activity. Please refer to **UNCW IRB SOP #1.1** for additional information on and requirements for research that does not involve "human subjects."

We invite you to visit the IRB website at:

<https://uncw.edu/sparc/integrity/irb.html> to access the UNCW IRBIS application system, IRB policies and SOPs, and additional resources.

Questions? Contact the IRB at IRB@uncw.edu.