

Annual Report for the Institutional Review Board – FY23

This report describes the activities of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023 (FY23).

As shown in Table 1, 51 new protocols were submitted to the IRB in FY23. Of these 51 protocols, 17 were classified as expedited (33.34%) and 28 were classified as exempt (54.90%). Two protocols were classified as Not Human Subjects Research (3.92%), and 4 protocols (7.84%) were submitted but later withdrawn.

Table 1. IRB Protocol Classification in FY23

Classification	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Total
Full Board	0	0	0	0
Expedited	2	8	7	17
Exempt	1	13	14	28
Not Human Subjects Research	1	1	0	2
Withdrawn	0	1	3	4
Total	4	22	27	51

As shown in Table 2, IRB protocols were submitted by 15 departments, programs, and/or offices in FY23. Departments that submitted protocols most frequently included Psychology, Health and Human Physiological Sciences, and Environmental Studies and Sciences.

Table 2. IRB Protocols Submitted by Department / Program / Office in FY23

Department / Program / Office	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Total
Anthropology (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	2	0	2
Computer Science	1	1	0	2
Economics	0	0	2	2
Education Studies	1	1	0	2
Environmental Studies and Sciences	0	4	1	5
Health and Human Physiological Sciences (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	3	5	8
Health Promotion	0	2	0	2
Institutional Research	0	0	1	1
Management and Business	0	0	1	1
Music	0	0	1	1
Neuroscience	0	0	1	1
Political Science	0	3	1	4
Psychology (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	2	6	7	15
Social Work	0	1	0	1
Sociology (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	0	4	4
Total	4	23	24	51

As shown in Table 3, of the 51 protocols reviewed in FY23, 29 involved student investigators.

Table 3. IRB Protocols Involving Student Investigators in FY23

Department / Program / Office	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Total
Computer Science	0	1	0	1
Economics	0	0	2	2
Environmental Studies and Sciences	0	2	0	2
Health and Human Physiological Sciences	0	0	4	4
Health Promotion	0	2	0	2
Management and Business	0	0	1	1
Political Science	0	1	1	2
Psychology (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	4	6	10
Social Work	0	1	0	1
Sociology (<i>1 withdrawn</i>)	0	0	4	4
Total	0	11	18	29

As shown in Table 4, the IRB reviewed and approved 37 amendment requests to previously approved protocols in FY23.

Table 4. Number of Amendment Requests Approved in FY23

	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Total
IRB Amendment Requests	10	4	23	37

Continuing Review Forms were sent to investigators for 21 protocols classified as expedited and full-board that were approved prior to January 21, 2019 (those approved after January 21, 2019 do not require continuing review). 15 protocols received approval to remain active, while 6 protocols either received approval to be closed or were administratively closed due to non-response by the PI.


No adverse events or protocol violations were reported to the IRB in FY23.

Membership for the IRB is listed in Table 5.

Table 5. IRB Members

June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023
Lisa Burke, IRB Coordinator (Sponsored Research) (<i>through 10/15/22</i>)
Abigail Caldwell, Ad-hoc Member for protocols involving DXA technology (Health Services)
Mike Dunn (Management and Business) (<i>Spring 2023 semester</i>)
Amon Emeka (Sociology) (<i>Spring 2023 semester</i>)
Denise Evert (Psychology) (<i>Fall 2022 semester</i>)
Mary Hoehn, Chair (Sponsored Research)
Christopher Mann (Political Science) (<i>Fall 2022 semester</i>)
Corinne Moss-Racusin (Psychology)
William Tomlinson, Community Member

Respectfully submitted,


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