

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS USING HUMAN SUBJECTS IN THEIR RESEARCH**

Research that uses human subjects is under strict federal regulation. These regulations are administered at Texas Tech by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) called the Human Subjects Protection Committee. Before you may begin contacting subjects, you must have your project approved by the IRB. For some types of research that poses no risk to subjects (e.g., potential risks of physical or psychological harm, breaches of confidentiality, damage to reputation), projects can usually be approved within two weeks. The policies and procedures of the IRB, instructions for submitting proposals, and appropriate forms can be found on the website of the Office of Research Services ([www.ors.ttu.edu](http://www.ors.ttu.edu)). Scroll down on the left until you find the “Human Subjects” button. If you have questions that are not answered there, please call Elizabeth Johnston Vasquez, Office of Research Services, MS 1035. Her telephone number is (806) 742-3884, and e-mail address is [elizabeth.johnston@ttu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.johnston@ttu.edu). The Office of Research Services is located in 203 Holden Hall.

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