

Institutional Review Board Selection and Training

Selection Procedures

Individuals who wish to conduct research involving human participants will contact the the IRB coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Dyson. Dr. Dyson will select individuals to serve on the IRB and review the research proposal. The IRB will be comprised of faculty members, except in cases where it may be prudent to include an outside professional with special knowledge of the proposed study.

Training

Individuals serving on the Institutional Review Board at Sterling College are required to complete the assurance training provided by the Office for Human Research Protections. After completing the training, IRB members receive a formal certificate documenting their participation. The required training can be found online at: <https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/education-and-outreach/human-research-protection-program-fundamentals/index.html/assurance-training>

After completing the formal training, it is recommended that individuals on the Sterling College Institutional Review Board consult the following formal resources as they review the research proposal.

- The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles & Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/belmont-report/read-the-belmont-report/index.html>
- American Psychological Association Ethics Code Addresses Necessary Aspects of Informed Consent
<http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2014/06/informed-consent.aspx>
- Guidelines for Research with Vulnerable Populations
<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/policies-and-regulations/vulnerable-populations.htm>