

Multi-Institutional Collaborative Research Guidelines

The Western Oregon University Institutional Review Board (WOU IRB) has decided the following procedures for research approved elsewhere that also involves WOU. If another university has approved research through its IRB, then WOU should have reciprocity with that acceptance. The following guidelines refer to any data collection involving human subjects that is conducted by WOU faculty/staff or students occurring on-campus. This procedure has been developed to protect the safety of both participants and researcher/s and encompasses data collection on or off the WOU campus.

- In the case of a research protocol developed and approved by another institution's IRB, we will ask for a copy of the IRB approval letter and the institution's federal-wide assurance number as well as any surveys or interview questions and the consent form used.
- The WOU IRB feels it is important for a consent form accompanying on-campus data collection to have WOU contacts listed in case participants have questions or complaints. This will likely involve using the same consent form already approved by the other institution's IRB and adding WOU contact information.
- The approval will likely be rapid, based on its previous IRB approval elsewhere, but we still have an obligation to research participants and WOU researchers to review the study.