

## INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### x What is IRB?

The Institutional Review Board was created to protect human subjects participating in research. At Jackson State University, the IRB's intention is to:

- x Minimize risk to research participants;
- x Ensure participants have given their consent after being fully informed of research procedures and risks;
- x Promote equity in who is asked to participate.

### x When should I submit an IRB application?

One should submit an IRB application when they are interested in conducting research that involves human subjects, including utilizing/analyzing human subjects' data whether it is human tissue, cells, or students

Examples of such methods include:

- x Interviews
- x Surveys
- x Questionnaires
- x Focus groups
- x Interaction/interventions with individuals
- x Using data that has been collected from the aforementioned methods, i.e., census or NHANES

### x Who should apply?

Faculty, staff and students (undergraduate and graduate) who are engaged in the following:

- x Master's thesis or doctoral dissertation;
  - o A future publication;
  - o A presentation, poster presentation, or conference paper

### x Where can I find the IRB application and documents?

An applicant can find the application by going to the official JSU website [www.jsums.edu](http://www.jsums.edu) Click on the [Employee](#) tab, then click on [Research](#) and finally, [Forms](#)

- x How do I determine if my research will be exempt, expedited or full?  
This determination is not deemed by the applicant, but rather the IRB office. However,

