IRB Decision Tree

Research activity involves humans or human data.
All research must have NIH certificate (Exempt, Full, or Expedited).

Is it formal scientific research with human participants?

NO → Submit Exempt form to instructor or IRB Chair

YES

Is it eligible for exemption from IRB full review and approval?

YES → Complete and submit an Expedited request form (see Form 1).

NO

Submit an Initial Full Approval Request to IRB Committee Chair

IRB Committee must approve request before research can begin.
Research approved?

NO → Resubmission will be considered if changes to research proposal are made. Adjust proposal and resubmit to IRB Chair.

YES → Research may begin. Update IRB Chair with any changes and final completion.