

<b>Grand Valley State University Human Research Review Committee Procedure</b>	
Subject: <i>Investigator Training</i>	
Section: 2.2	This procedure supersedes those previously drafted
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Related Sections:	

The HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects (45 CFR 46) do not require investigators to obtain training in the protection of human subjects in research. However, according to the provisions of the OHRP-approved FWA, GVSU promises to ensure the compliance by all investigators to the full complement of federal regulations in all authorized research involving human subjects regardless of the funding source. GVSU, therefore, is responsible for ensuring that its investigators conducting human subjects research understand and act in accordance with the requirements of the HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects. Therefore, the HRRC strongly recommends that all investigators, including student investigators, obtain sufficient knowledge of in the federal regulations and ethical standards necessary to conduct proposed research activities prior to submitting a protocol for HRRC review.

Training received and dates completed should be documented by the principal investigator and/or the administrative office authorizing the proposed research. Copies should be provided to the HRRC along with the initial application materials. Training should include at a minimum the protection of human subjects and the determination of discipline-appropriate scientific merit and validity. [\[LINK\]](#) Training appropriate to the nature and volume of the research will ensure that investigators maintain continuing knowledge of, and comply with, the following:

- relevant ethical principles
- relevant federal regulations
- written HRRC procedures
- OHRP guidance
- other applicable guidance
- state and local laws
- institutional procedures for the protection of human subjects.

In some cases, other federal requirements regarding training for investigators must be met, such as the National Institute of Health's (NIH) requirement for the training of key personnel in NIH-sponsored or -conducted human subjects research.