

Office of Research Compliance guidance on external investigators interested in recruiting OU students, faculty, and staff

Investigators who are unaffiliated with Ohio University (OU) regularly seek to recruit OU students, faculty, and staff as human subjects for research projects. For research that is not sponsored by OU and does not include an OU student, faculty, or staff member on the research team, OU Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval is not required. In the interests of protecting human subjects, external researchers interested in recruiting OU students, faculty, and staff should contact an OU faculty or staff member to sponsor / facilitate the recruitment.

For OU faculty or staff contacted by an external researcher requesting to recruit OU students, faculty, or staff as human subjects, consider the following in your determination to sponsor / facilitate the recruitment (e.g., providing email addresses, distributing recruitment flyers):

- A description and rationale for the research study
- Justification for recruitment of OU students, faculty, or staff
- Description of the recruitment procedure, including consideration of whether you want to provide contact information of potential participants to the unaffiliated researcher or whether you want to email potential participants and provide the contact information of the unaffiliated investigator
- IRB approval letter from the researcher's home institution with a Federalwide Assurance

For questions about the recruitment of OU students, faculty, and staff for external research, contact the Office of Research Compliance.