

## **RUDOLF STEINER COLLEGE - Policy On Research Involving Human Subjects**

Research is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge. Human subjects are defined as living individual(s), about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research, obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifies private information.

### **Policy**

In accordance with the Federal Policy on the Protection of Human Subjects, Rudolf Steiner College is responsible for the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects in research conducted by, or under the supervision of faculty, staff, or students. To effectively assume this responsibility, the College maintained an Ethics Review Board (ERB) to review research protocols involving human subjects and to evaluate all research proposals.

Rudolf Steiner College is committed to protecting the welfare of all human subjects involved in research, whether or not the research is conducted or supported by a federal department or agency. Therefore, the RSC ERB has jurisdiction over all human subject research conducted at the College.

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Re-approved by Academic Affairs Committee, with supportive documentation:

See: ERB procedure

See: ERB documentation and forms