Does My Assessment Activity Need IRB Approval?

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- **Yes**
  - **Will findings be shared outside of CSUF?**
    - **No**
      - *Warning*: There is no retroactive approval of “Human Subjects Research.” Assessment research (designs and findings) cannot be used later to develop or “contribute to generalizable knowledge.” If you intend to disseminate your assessment process or findings outside of CSUF, you should seek IRB approval prior to conducting assessment activity.
    - **Yes**
      - **Does my research involve HUMAN SUBJECTS?**
        - **No**
          - You **DO NOT** need to submit an IRB application if you do not obtain data through intervention or interaction with a living individual, or if you’re using existing data that contains:
            - data from ONLY deceased individuals, or
            - data with NO individually identifiable private information and the researcher/collaborators cannot readily ascertain the identity of a living individual from the data.
          - **Yes**
            - **Submit an application for IRB review**

For more information about **Human Subjects Research** visit:

[http://www.fullerton.edu/doresearch/compliance/irb_cayuse.php](http://www.fullerton.edu/doresearch/compliance/irb_cayuse.php) which is administered by the CSUF IRB Office.

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