Instructor's Approval and Blanket Exemption of Class Research

SUNY Fredonia Human Subjects Review Committee (HSRC)

Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Number and Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply (A, B, C and D must be checked). Attach a list of student names and their project titles and descriptions and submit to the Office of Sponsored Programs (Thompson E230):

* A. I request that the student research for the above mentioned class be categorized as Exempt Research (Category I) and considered as one proposal.
* B. I verify that all students wishing to engage in Human Subjects Research will take and pass SUNY Fredonia’s Human Subjects Certification Program prior to engaging in research involving human participants. The online human subjects training course is at: https://[www.citiprogram.org](http://www.citiprogram.org). Instructors must also take the course.

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* C. I verify that all student research covered by this blanket exemption fits one or more of the following projects under Category I - Exempt Research:

Check all that apply:

Category I - Exempt Research

* Projects involving collection of data through the use of opinion surveys, questionnaires or interviews for which response is voluntary and completely anonymous unless the information is identifiable and disclosure would place the subject at risk. IMPORTANT: Surveys and interviews of children (under 18 years of age) are NOT exempt.
* 2. Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as research on regular and special education instructional strategies, research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, classroom management methods, and in-class demonstration studies or laboratory exercises. Usually, any study requiring that children be removed from their normal classroom situation for testing is not exempt.
* 3. Projects limited to the observation of public behavior for which anonymity of subjects is maintained. IMPORTANT: observation of public behavior of children (under 18 years of age) is NOT exempt unless the investigator does not participate in the activity being observed.
* 4. Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, or records if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

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* D. I understand and agree with the policy that in the event a student research project falls outside Exempt status (e.g., Expedited: Category II; Full HSRC review: Category III), the student will be required to submit an application for HSRC review and approval prior to the start of their research.

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Signature of Instructor Date