Requirement for All Dissertations and Clinical Research Projects
Human Participants Clearance Form

CUNY has an ongoing agreement with the federal Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP) of the Department of Health & Human Services concerning all research involving human participants (including interviews, oral history, and database research). That agreement requires prior approval of all research proposals and, if applicable, an annual continuing review by an official CUNY HRPP (Human Research Protection Program) Office.

To assure compliance with this agreement, The Graduate Center has a requirement that all Ph.D., D.M.A. and D.S.W students must submit a Dissertation Proposal Clearance: Human Participants Form or Clinical Research Project Clearance Form. The Registrar's Office at The Graduate Center sends the forms to all Ph.D., D.M.A. and D.S.W. students when they advance to Level 3 and the form is distributed to all Clinical Doctoral (AUD, DPT, & DNS degrees) students in class. Students should submit an IRB application to the HRPP Office at the CUNY College with which their faculty advisor has primary affiliation and before research begins.

If human participants are involved in your research: Before you begin your research, submit a human subjects application to the HRPP Coordinator at the campus where your advisor has their primary affiliation. Applications and guidance information are available at http://www.cuny.edu/research/compliance.html.

After your research has been approved by the HRPP Office at your campus, complete the Clearance Form and attach a copy of the approval letter. Submit the form to the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs (address below).

If human participants are not involved in your research: Complete the form and attach your project abstract and methodology and submit to: Kay Powell, HRPP Coordinator, The Graduate Center, Room 8309, 365Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

If you are uncertain about the classification of your dissertation research, or have any questions, please contact the HRPP Coordinator at your advisor's primary campus.

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Any questions should be directed to the HRPP Coordinator at The Graduate Center Kay Powell, HRPP Coordinator, at 212-817-7525, kpowell@gc.cuny.edu.

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Project Title: ________________________________

***REQUIRED: Project Abstract (including methodology); attach and submit this form.***

Please check one:

_____ YES, this dissertation involves the use of human participants or data from human participants.
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Student’s Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

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