

## Human Subjects Research Committee

Dear BGU faculty and students,

### Re: Procedures for obtaining ethics approval for research with human subjects

The Human Subjects Research Committee, in coordination with Professor Dan Blumberg, Vice President and Dean of Research and Development, and Ms. Sharona Rittberg, Director of the Research and Development Authority, has implemented a systematic approach to protecting human research subjects that meets current international standards and protects their rights and welfare while recognizing the importance of training researchers and expediting the process of ethic approval.

All faculty members, university personnel, and students conducting research involving human subjects must be trained and obtain ethics approval *before* beginning the research. This includes MA theses, Ph.D. dissertations, pilot projects, and funded and non-funded research. The exceptions are student projects conducted in the context of seminar classes and can be approved by the faculty member in charge, and projects that meet the requirements for expedited review (see below). Submission for approval from the Committee must be done via our site <http://web2.bgu.ac.il/ethics2/>.

Research may be considered for expedited review if it does not involve more than minimal risk, does not include intentional deception or sensitive populations and does not address sensitive topics. It must include appropriate consent procedures. *Minimal risk* means that the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research are not greater than those encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests. *Sensitive populations* include, but are not limited to, children, patients, prisoners, etc. *Sensitive topics* include, but are not limited to, questions about clinical symptoms, sexuality, etc. All eligible research should be submitted to the respective **Departmental Ethics Committee** for approval.

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, all faculty members and graduate students (both M.A. and Ph.D.) conducting research with human subjects must successfully complete the on-line CITI course for The Protection of Human Research Subjects *before* requesting ethics approval for a given project. The course is valid for three years. Documentation of completion should be sent to Reesa Stone ([reesa@bgu.ac.il](mailto:reesa@bgu.ac.il)), before submitting your ethics approval application.

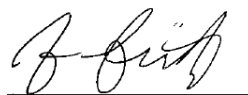
For further information, please email [hsrcommittee@bgu.ac.il](mailto:hsrcommittee@bgu.ac.il)

Thank you,



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