

SDSU IRB Policy

Recruitment of San Diego State University (SDSU) Students by Principal Investigators in Classes they Teach

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Responsible Party

SDSU Research Support Services and the SDSU IRB

Scope and Audience

SDSU Principal Investigators conducting human participant research.

Additional Authority

N/A

1. Policy Purpose

To guide faculty in recruiting their students for human participant research in which they serve as Principal Investigator

2. Policy Statement

The IRB Application

The IRB evaluates potential coercion when students are recruited as research participants and requires procedures that minimize undue influence while allowing voluntary participation.

Principal Investigators should avoid one-on-one solicitation of their own students, in classes that they teach, though exceptions may be permitted. In such cases:

- ☒ Announce recruitment during class
- ☒ State that participation will not affect grades.
- ☒ Offer no incentive for participation

3. Frequently Asked Questions

Additional Information may be posted on the IRB webpage—date to be determined.

4. Related Information

1. The San Diego State University Human Research Protection Program Standards and Practices