



International Research

Research Conducted Outside of the United States

All research involving human participants must be reviewed and approved by the WSU IRB before the project can be initiated. This guidance applies to any research conducted internationally, including research involving the internet for recruitment and/or data collection.

Considerations/Requirements for International Research

- Export control review is required; see research.wayne.edu/export-control.
- International Research CITI Training module is required.
- Coercion of potentially vulnerable participants is prohibited and must be prevented.
- Researchers must follow all local laws, regulations, customs, and practices.
- A safety plan must be in place if the area of the world has political instability or otherwise is by any means unsafe for participants or researchers.
- Investigators from the VAMC must obtain a waiver from the Chief R&D Officer.

Documents Required For IRB Review:

1. Appendix A (International Research)
2. Local Review and Approval from the international site, and or
3. Letter of Support/Permission from the international site
4. Informed consent/assent in English and in the native language (if applicable)
5. Questionnaires/surveys (data collections tools) in English and in the native language (if applicable)
6. Advertisements/Recruitment in English and in the native language (if applicable)

Local Review and Approval in the International Setting:

An IRB or equivalent body in the country, province, town, or village where the proposed research will take place should review the proposal.

This IRB or equivalent body should be comprised of:

- at least five (5) members,
- at least one members should represent the community of the potential participants
- at least one non-scientist member

If local review board or government review is not available:

- Letter of Support/Permission is required
- Letter should document approval from local experts or community leader
- Individual(s) providing approval must be familiar with the cultural background, local context, and community attitudes of the country in which the research will be conducted and should not be associated with the conduct of the proposed research.