

# DO YOU NEED THE IRB?

## WHAT IS THE IRB?

The Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB) is responsible for the review of all research activity that involves human subjects that is conducted on or off campus by faculty, staff, or students, or others seeking to conduct research at the University of Scranton. Operations and scope are required and guided by the [Code of Federal Regulations, CFR 46](#), as amended. Activities governed by this regulation and the University's [IRB policies and procedures](#) include research, development, and related activities which would normally be construed as biological, behavioral, or psychological investigations involving human subjects.

When reviewing research proposals, the IRB is primarily interested in safeguarding the rights and well-being of the human subject and in assessing the ethical implications of the proposed procedures. As described in The Belmont Report, the following ethical principles and their translation into actions serve as an additional guide for the IRB's review of research activities.