University Honors College – Bachelor of Philosophy  
Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval

If your BPhil thesis research involves human subjects, you are required to obtain approval from the University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to beginning data collection for your research project.

You may be admitted to BPhil degree candidacy without IRB approval (i.e., you may submit your BPhil application before receiving IRB approval for your research); however, you cannot begin collecting data until IRB approval is received.

For more information on the IRB and your responsibilities as a student researcher, consult the Student Research Guide on the IRB website (http://www.irb.pitt.edu).

In order to ensure that students pursuing the BPhil are adhering to guidelines established by the IRB in their research, the Honors College requires that you and your faculty thesis advisor complete this form to be kept on file in the Honors College. This form must be completed even if your research does not require IRB approval.

CERTIFICATION OF IRB REQUIREMENTS:

We certify the following regarding the BPhil research project for the student noted below:

_____ This research project does NOT require IRB review and approval.

(Student and thesis advisor sign and date where indicated below and return this form to the Honors College; no further action is needed.)

_____ This research project requires IRB review and approval.

(Student and thesis advisor sign and date where indicated below and return this form to the Honors College; student must provide Honors College with a copy of IRB approval letter and any subsequent approval letters resulting from modifications to the research protocol.)

Student’s Signature          Date

Student’s Name (Printed)

BPhil Thesis Advisor’s Signature          Date

BPhil Thesis Advisor’s Name (Printed)

Return completed form to:
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