

Annual Report for the Institutional Review Board – FY21

This report describes the activities of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2021 (FY21).

As shown in Table 1, 61 new protocols were submitted to the IRB in FY21 (versus 95 in FY20 and 80 in FY19). Of these 61 protocols, 47 protocols were classified as expedited (77.05%) and 13 were classified as exempt (21.31%). One protocol (1.64%) was submitted but later withdrawn.

Table 1. IRB Protocol Classification - FY21

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As shown in Table 3, of the 61 protocols reviewed in FY21, 39 were submitted by student investigators with a faculty advisor, compared with 17 protocols submitted by student investigators in FY20

Table 3. IRB Protocols Submitted by Student Investigator with Faculty Advisors in FY21

Department / Program / Office	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Total
Anthropology	0	0	1	1

COVID-19 Response

In March 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty and the IRB sent out a joint email to the faculty stating 1) the College has suspended research involving on-campus human subjects research; 2) any new or pending Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications involving person testing on campus will not be reviewed or approved; 3) any currently active IRB protocols involving person testing on campus must cease until further notice and 4) revising any currently active IRB protocols from person to remote online research requires an amendment request approval. This remained in effect until late August 2020.

On August 21, 2020, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty and the IRB sent out a joint email to the faculty stating IRB policies and procedures would take effect immediately as follows

1. In-person human subjects research may only be conducted by Skidmore affiliated investigators with Skidmore affiliated participants (e.g., only faculty, staff and undergraduate students who are required to be tested for COVID-19 per the College's Student and Employee Testing Protocols).
2. Investigators with currently active IRB protocols who s2 Tw (whl)-16 Tj 0.39 0 Td ()Tj -0.002 Tc 6rs w



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