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**Institutional Review Board for Use of Human and Animal Subjects in Research (IRB)**

The IRB is a federally mandated body established under the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations for the protection of human subjects (45 CFR 46). Its purpose is to protect the rights and welfare of individuals recruited to participate in research activities conducted under the auspices of the Oregon Institute of Technology. The IRB is responsible for ensuring compliance with the federal regulations set forth in 45 CFR 46 (Protection of Human Subjects). The IRB is charged with the review and approval of all research involving human subjects conducted by faculty, staff, and students, on- and off-campus, regardless of funding source prior to initiation of the research. The IRB must also review and approve any changes to an approved research project before implementation. Additionally, the IRB is tasked with monitoring ongoing research for adherence to Federal regulations and institutional policies and procedures.

The IRB reports to the Vice President for Research (VPR) and follows a membership composition to comply with 45 CFR 46.107 (IRB Membership). The VPR, Provost and Deans jointly appoint the IRB members for a term of 5 years. The IRB is registered with the US Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP). Changes to the IRB composition must be reported to the US DHHS. The VPR is responsible for submitting, updating, and renewing the Federal-wide Assurances (FWAs).

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