Research Engaging Illinois Students

When conducting research with UIUC students, researchers must ensure that there are additional safeguards in place. Due to the increased potential for coercion and undue influence, investigators should give particular attention to the:

- Recruitment Process
- Informed Consent Process
- Subject Remuneration Process
What Safeguards Can I Put in Place?

- Recruitment or informed consent process should **not** be carried out by students’ **instructors**.

- Researchers should emphasize the **voluntary nature** of the study and they should inform students that their grades at, status at, or future relations with the University of Illinois will **NOT** be affected by their **participation decision**.

- If **incentives** for participation will be offered, the incentives should **not be so large** as to be coercive.

- If students will be offered **course credit** as part of the incentives, a genuinely equivalent **alternative** for earning the credit should be provided.
Researchers Recruiting from their Own Courses

Unless the research cannot be reasonably completed in another manner, instructors should **not recruit** participants from their **own courses**.

In the rare instance in which this happens, researchers should **minimize** the potential for students to feel **pressured** to participate.

Design the study so that the instructor is **blind to the identity** of the participants.
Additional Guidance and Resources

- OPRS
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- Office of the Registrar

- Division of Management Information

- Office of the Dean of Students