

**University Honors College – Bachelor of Philosophy  
Institutional Review Board (IRB) Status Verification**

All research conducted for the BPhil degree must be in accordance with established regulatory requirements in your academic discipline. Furthermore, the Honors College requires you and your thesis advisor to verify the status of your research project relative to Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversight within the Human Research Protection Office (HRPO). If your research involves human participants, you are to complete this form and provide verification of IRB approval by forwarding the approval letter/email. Even if your research does not require IRB review/approval, you must also complete this form. If you have any questions regarding IRB procedures, please consult the IRB website:

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You may be admitted to BPhil degree candidacy without IRB approval, but you cannot begin collecting data until IRB approval is received.

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 the student researcher and the faculty thesis advisor complete this form which will be kept on file in the Honors College. *This form must be completed even if the research project 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/email and any subsequent correspondence from the IRB resulting from modifications to the research protocol.)

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Student's Signature

Date

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Student's Name (Printed)

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BPhil Thesis Advisor's Signature

Date

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BPhil Thesis Advisor's Name (Printed)

**Return completed form and any required  
documentation from the IRB to:**  
David A. Hornyak, UHC Assistant Dean, [hornyak@pitt.edu](mailto:hornyak@pitt.edu)