**Mississippi University for Women**

**Institutional Review Board**

Definitions of Terms used by

Institutional Review Board

**Form E**

**Investigator\***:

A graduate student enrolled in or a faculty member who desires to conduct research with human rights who:

1. Is representing himself/herself as a student or faculty member.

**Research 1**

Any organized research, research, potentially publishable to include theses and funded research.

**Subject 2**

Any individual who may be "at risk" as a consequence of participation as a subject in research.

**At Risk 2**

Any individual is considered "at risk" if he may be exposed to harm physical, psychological, sociological, or other as a consequence of any activity which goes beyond the application of those established and accepted methods necessary to meet his needs.

**Informed Consent 2**

Informed consent is the agreement obtained from a subject, or from his authorized representative, to the subject’s participation in an activity.

1. The basic elements of informed consent are:
2. A fair explanation of the procedures to be followed, including an identification of those which are experimental;
3. A description of the attendant discomforts and risks;
4. A description of the benefits to be expected;
5. A disclosure of appropriate alternative procedures that would be advantageous for the subject;
6. An offer to answer any inquiries concerning the procedures;
7. An instruction that the subject is free to withdraw his consent and to discontinue participation in the study or activity at any time.

\*Any other person conduction research who desires human rights review by this Committee.

Additional Resources for IRB Federal & University Guidelines

1. Mississippi University for Women Faculty Council, March 25, 1980.
2. United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare: Policy on Protection of Human Subjects, 1971.
3. Human Subjects Research (45 CFR 46), Protection of Human Subjects, Effective July 14, 2009. <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.html>