

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

The UTC Institutional Review Board (IRB) is guided by the ethical principles regarding all research involving humans as subjects. The mission of the IRB is to ensure that vital research of the University can be conducted in full compliance with both the letter and the spirit of regulations designed to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects. The IRB also monitors research to ensure that human subjects are protected from undue risk and from deprivation of personal rights and dignity. This protection is assured by consideration of three principles that are the basis of ethical research:

1. Voluntary participation by the subjects, indicated by free and informed consent, is assured.
2. An appropriate balance exists between potential benefits of the research to the subject or to society and the risks assumed by the subject.
3. There be fair procedures and outcomes in the selection of research subjects.

In accordance with the Multiple Project Assurance on file with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Institutional Review Board at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga must review and approve all research involving human subjects. The Federal wide Assurance id is FWA00004149.

If you plan to undertake University-related research that will involve human beings in any way, you may need IRB approval. For additional information, such as submission procedures, review status, and other general inquiries, contact instrb@utc.edu or go to the IRB site at <http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/institutional-review-board/>.

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

The University regards the use of animals in research and teaching to be an essential component for continued progress in the field of science and is committed to the highest ethical standard of animal care. Federal regulations mandate the establishment of an institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) to provide guidance, to oversee the animal care and use program, and to ensure compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and policies.

For additional information on submission procedures, review status, and other general inquiries, please contact iacucpro@utc.edu, or (423) 425-4443. Or visit the IACUC website at <http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/institutional-animal-care-use-committee/>