

The St. Olaf College Institutional Review Board: Mission and Responsibilities

Institutional Review Board Mission

The mission of the St. Olaf College Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to safeguard the rights and well-being of human subjects in projects conducted at or sponsored by St. Olaf College.

Institutional Review Board Responsibilities

The specific responsibilities of the St. Olaf IRB include:

1. *Developing and disseminating federally-compliant policies* for the protection of human subjects;
2. *Developing and implementing institutionally-appropriate procedures* for ensuring the protection of human subjects, in collaboration with other members of the St. Olaf community;
3. *Educating members of the St. Olaf community* about the ethical and legal obligations associated with human subjects projects;
4. *Conducting reviews of generalizable research projects* to ensure that such research will be carried out in a manner which safeguards the rights and well-being of the subjects;
5. *Promoting professional development in research ethics* for St. Olaf employees in support of their instructional, research, and administrative work.