



RESEARCH DEFINITIONS

Research means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities that meet this definition constitute research for purposes of this policy, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

Human subject means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains

- (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or
- (2) Identifiable private information.

Key personnel means participants in a grant or application who contribute substantively to the scientific development or execution of a project. Key personnel contribute a specified level of time (contrast with other significant contributor) whether or not earning a salary. Key personnel include the principal investigator as well as any staff or consultants who meet the definition above.

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