

Additional Requirements for Research Involving the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Purpose:

The information in this guidance is for investigators conducting human subjects research involving the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the Department of Commerce (DOC). The Department of Commerce is a signatory to the 2018 Revised Common Rule codified at 15 CFR 27, which took effect January 21, 2019.

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Applicability:

Human Subject Research involves the NIST when any of the following apply:

- The research conducted or supported by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Definitions:

Neither NIST nor Department of Commerce provide human subjects research related definitions beyond those included in the 2018 Common Rule.

NIST-specific Requirements

Prior Approval

Researchers must obtain approval from the NIST Human Subjects Protection Office (HSPO) before the research can begin. Information regarding this NIST policy is included in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcement.

Additional information:

15 CFR 27 *Department of Commerce – Protection of Human Subjects*

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3df53dc2fe732d515e08b1c39a2ba370&mc=true&node=pt15.1.27&rgn=div5>

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