

Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects

MIT's IRB for Human Subjects Research

Who is COUHES?

The Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (COUHES) serves as MIT's Institutional Review Board (IRB). COUHES approves all human subjects research conducted by MIT investigators.

When is COUHES review required?

1. Does your study meet the HHS definition of research:
A **systematic investigation** designed to develop or contribute to **generalizable knowledge**?

AND

Does this research project include a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research:

(i) Obtains information or biospecimens through **intervention or interaction** with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or

(ii) Obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates **identifiable private information** or identifiable biospecimens.

OR

Is your study an FDA Clinical Investigation?

Clinical Investigation is defined as any experiment involving a test article (such as a drug, biological product, or medical device) and one or more human subjects.

Yes

COUHES review
required

No

COUHES review not
required

What do I need to do?



Establish MIT's role in the research



Determine if this study is human subjects research



Complete human subjects research training



Review COUHES guidance, dates and deadlines



Ancillary review requirements



Create and submit an application via COUHES Connect

Where do I submit?

All applications should be submitted through COUHES online platform, COUHES Connect.

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