

Human Subjects Certification Training

Fall 2020: To All New Bloustein Graduate Students:

Greetings! In order to participate fully in research projects over the course of your graduate student career, whether or not those projects are in association with, or are independent of, a course, you will need to be certified as trained in Human Subject Research Protections (HRSP). Because Rutgers membership in the “Big Ten Conference” places us within the “Big Ten Academic Alliance,” our HSRP certifications are processed through CITI, i.e., the **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative**.

The **website** has a set of instructions to follow in order to secure Rutgers-accepted HRSP certification. Once you’ve completed the course and downloaded and saved your PDF CITI Certificate, print a copy and give it to your **Basic Quantitative Methods** instructor. If you are waived out of, or are otherwise not taking BQM, send a copy to **Courtney Culler** to keep in your file (courtney.culler@rutgers.edu). Students in the Public Policy Program will also learn more broadly about research ethics in Research Design and will need to submit their completed IRB certification for that course as well. The next time you file anything with the IRB – amendment, CR, new application, you (or the project’s principal investigator) will need to assure that that all PIs and all key personnel on the research protocol are CITI-Certified.

Kindly note that the completion of the CITI Program Certification is **mandatory** for **all** incoming graduate students, whether or not you intend to engage in human subjects research, and whether or not you have already completed an HSRP at Rutgers or another institution. If, however, you already have a CITI Certification, please forward your existing CITI Certificate to **Basic Quantitative Methods** instructor, who can assess whether or not you may waive out of this requirement.

If you have questions, contact your Basic Quantitative Methods instructor or program director. Public Policy students should also seek answers from their program director.

Best,

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