**AUBURN UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM (HRPP)**

**EXEMPT REVIEW APPLICATION**

For assistance, contact: **The Office of Research Compliance (ORC)**Phone: **334-844-5966** E-Mail: [**IRBAdmin@auburn.edu**](mailto:IRBAdmin@auburn.edu) Web Address: [**http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/ohs**](http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/ohs) **Submit completed form and supporting materials as one PDF through the** [**IRB Submission Page**](https://aub.ie/irbsubmission)Hand written forms are not accepted. Where links are found hold down the control button (Ctrl) then click the link..

**1. Project Identification Today’s Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Anticipated start date of the project:** Click or tap to enter a date. **Anticipated duration of project:** Choose an item.

1. **Project Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Principal Investigator (PI):** Click or tap here to enter text.Degree(s): Click or tap here to enter text.Rank/Title: Choose Rank/TitleDepartment/School: Choose Department/School

Role/responsibilities in this project:Click or tap here to enter text.

Preferred Phone Number:Click or tap here to enter text. AU Email: Click or tap here to enter text.   
**Faculty Advisor Principal Investigator (if applicable):** Click or tap here to enter text.Rank/Title:Choose Rank/Title Department/School:Choose Department/SchoolRole/responsibilities in this project:Click or tap here to enter text.

Preferred Phone Number:Click or tap here to enter text. AU Email: Click or tap here to enter text. **Department Head:** Click or tap here to enter text.Department/School:Choose Department/SchoolPreferred Phone Number:Click or tap here to enter text.AU Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

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1. **Project Key Personnel –** Identify all key personnel who will be involved with the conduct of the research and describe their role in the project. Role may include design, recruitment, consent process, data collection, data analysis, and reporting. ([To determine key personnel, see decision tree](https://cws.auburn.edu/shared/files?id=159&filename=KEY%20PERSONNEL%20CHECKLIST.docx)**).** *Exempt determinations are made by individual institutions; reliance on other institutions for exempt determination is not feasible. Non-AU personnel conducting exempt research activities must obtain approval from the IRB at their home institution.*

Key personnel are required to maintain human subjects training through [CITI](https://cws.auburn.edu/OVPR/pm/compliance/irb/training). Please provide documentation of completed CITI training, with course title(s) and expiration date(s) shown. As a reminder, both IRB and RCR modules are required for all key study personnel.

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- Do you have any known competing financial interests, personal relationships, or other interests that could have   
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- If yes, briefly describe the potential or real conflict of interest:Click or tap here to enter text.- Completed required CITI training?  Yes  No If NO, complete the appropriate [CITI basic course](https://cws.auburn.edu/OVPR/pm/compliance/irb/training) and update   
 the revised Exempt Application form.   
- If YES, choose course(s) the researcher has completed: Choose a course Expiration Date  
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1. **Funding Source –** Is this project funded by the investigator(s)? Yes  No   
   Is this project funded by AU? Yes  No  If YES, identify source Click or tap here to enter text.  
   Is this project funded by an external sponsor? Yes  No  If YES, provide name of sponsor, type of sponsor (governmental, non-profit, corporate, other), and an identification number for the award.  
   Name:Click or tap here to enter text.Type:Click or tap here to enter text.Grant #:Click or tap here to enter text.
2. List other AU IRB-approved research projects and/or IRB approvals from other institutions that are associated with this project. Describe the association between this project and the listed project(s):   
   Click or tap here to enter text.

**2. Project Summary**

**a. Does the study *TARGET* any special populations?** Answer YES or NO to all.

Minors (under 18 years of age; if minor participants, at least 2 adults must   
be present during all research procedures that include the minors) Yes  No

Auburn University Students Yes  No

Pregnant women, fetuses, or any products of conception Yes  No

Prisoners or wards (unless incidental, not allowed for Exempt research) Yes  No

Temporarily or permanently impaired Yes  No

**b. Does the research pose more than minimal risk to participants?**  Yes  No   
 *If YES, to question 2.b, then the research activity is NOT eligible for EXEMPT review. Minimal risk means that the  
 probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research is not greater in and of themselves than  
 those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations  
 or test. 42 CFR 46.102(i)*

**c. Does the study involve any of the following?** *If YES to any of the questions in item 2.c, then the research activity  
 is NOT eligible for EXEMPT review.*

Procedures subject to FDA regulations (drugs, devices, etc.) Yes  No

Use of school records of identifiable students or information from  
 instructors about specific students. Yes  No

Protected health or medical information when there is a direct or indirect   
 link which could identify the participant. Yes  No

Collection of sensitive aspects of the participant’s own behavior,

such as illegal conduct, drug use, sexual behavior or alcohol use. Yes  No

**d**. **Does the study include deception? Requires limited review by the IRB\*** Yes  No

**3.** **MARK the category or categories below that describe the proposed research. Note the IRB Reviewer will make  
 the final determination of the eligible category or categories.**

**1.** Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal   
 educational practices. The research is not likely to adversely impact students’ opportunity to learn or   
 assessment of educators providing instruction. 104(d)(1)  
  
  **2.** Research only includes interactions involving educational tests, surveys, interviews, public observation if at   
 least ONE of the following criteria. (The research includes data collection only; may include visual or auditory   
 recording; may NOT include intervention and only includes interactions). **Mark the applicable sub-category   
 below (I, ii, or iii). 104(d)(2)  
  
  (i)** Recorded information cannot readily identify the participant (directly or indirectly/ linked);  
 **OR  
 -** surveys and interviews: no children;  
 **-** educational tests or observation of public behavior: can only include children when investigators do not   
 participate in activities being observed.  
  
  **(ii)** Any disclosures of responses outside would not reasonably place participant at risk; **OR**  
  
  **(iii)** Information is recorded with identifiers or code linked to identifiers and IRB conducts limited review; no   
 children. **Requires limited review by the IRB.\*  
  
  3.** Research involving Benign Behavioral Interventions (BBI)\*\* through verbal, written responses including data   
 entry or audiovisual recording from adult subjects who prospectively agree and ONE of the following criteria   
 is met. (This research does not include children and does not include medical interventions. Research  
 cannot have deception unless the participant prospectively agrees that they will be unaware of or misled   
 regarding the nature and purpose of the research) **Mark the applicable sub-category below (A, B, or C).** 104(d)(3)(i)  
 **(A)** Recorded information cannot readily identify the subject (directly or indirectly/ linked); **OR  
  
  (B)** Any disclosure of responses outside of the research would not reasonably place subject at risk;   
 **OR  
   
  (C)** Information is recorded with identifies and cannot have deception unless participants prospectively agree. **Requires limited review by the IRB.\*  
  
  4.** Secondary research for which consent is not required: use of identifiable information or identifiable bio-  
 specimen that have been or will be collected for some other ‘primary’ or ‘initial’ activity, if one of the following   
 criteria is met. Allows retrospective and prospective secondary use. **Mark the applicable sub-category   
 below (i, ii, iii, or iv).** 104 (d)(4) **(i)** Bio-specimens or information are publicly available;  
 **(ii)** Information recorded so subject cannot readily be identified, directly or indirectly/linked investigator does not   
 contact subjects and will not re-identify the subjects; **OR**

**(iii)** Collection and analysis involving investigators use of identifiable health information when us is regulated by   
 HIPAA “health care operations” or “research” or “public health activities and purposes” (does not include   
 bio-specimens (only PHI and requires federal guidance on how to apply); **OR  
  
  (iv)** Research information collected by or on behalf of federal government using government generated or   
 collected information obtained for non-research activities.  
 **5.** Research and demonstration projects which are supported by a federal agency/department AND designed to   
 study and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (i)public benefit or service programs;   
 (ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (iii) possible changes in or   
 alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for   
 benefits or service under those programs. (must be posted on a federal web site). 104.5(d)(5) (must be   
 posted on a federal web site)  
  
 **6.** Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (i) if wholesome foods without additives   
 and consumed or (ii) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use   
 found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe,   
 by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food   
 Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The research does not involve prisoners   
 as participants. 104(d)(6)  
   
***\*****Limited IRB review – the IRB Chair or designated IRB reviewer reviews the protocol to ensure adequate provisions are in place to protect privacy and confidentiality.*

*\*\*Category 3 – Benign Behavioral Interventions (BBI) must be brief in duration, painless/harmless, not physically invasive, not likely to have a significant adverse lasting impact on participants, and it is unlikely participants will find the interventions offensive or embarrassing.*

*\*\*\* Exemption categories 7 and 8 require broad consent. The AU IRB has determined the regulatory requirements for legally effective broad consent are not feasible within the current institutional infrastructure. EXEMPT categories 7 and 8 will not be implemented at this time.*

**4. Describe the proposed research including who does what, when, where, how, and for how long, etc.**

**a**. Purpose

Click or tap here to enter text.

**b**. Participant population, including the number of participants and the rationale for determining number of   
 participants to recruit and enroll. Note if the study enrolls minor participants, describe the process to ensure   
 more than 1 adult is present during all research procedures which include the minor.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**c.** Recruitment process. Address whether recruitment includes communications/interactions between

study staff and potential participants either in person or online. *Submit a copy of all recruitment materials.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

**d.** Consent process including how information is presented to participants, etc.  
 Click or tap here to enter text.

**e**. Research procedures and methodology  
 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Anticipated time per study exercise/activity and total time if participants complete all study activities. Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Location of the research activities.  
   Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Costs to and compensation for participants? If participants will be compensated describe the amount, type, and process to distribute.   
   Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Non-AU locations, site, institutions. *Submit a copy of agreements/IRB approvals.*Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Describe how results of this study will be used (presentation? publication? thesis? dissertation?)  
   Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Additional relevant information.  
   Click or tap here to enter text.

**5. Waivers  
Check applicable waivers and describe how the project meets the criteria for the waiver.**

Waiver of Consent (Including existing de-identified data)

Waiver of Documentation of Consent (Use of Information Letter, rather than consent form requiring signatures)  
  
  Waiver of Parental Permission (in Alabama, 18 years-olds may be considered adults for research purposes) [https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/orc/irb/IRB 1 Exempt and Expedited/11-113 MR 1104 Hinton Renewal 2021-1.pdf](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/orc/irb/IRB%201%20Exempt%20and%20Expedited/11-113%20MR%201104%20Hinton%20Renewal%202021-1.pdf)

1. Provide the rationale for the waiver request.  
   Click or tap here to enter text.

**6. Describe the process to select participants/data/specimens. If applicable, include gender, race, and ethnicity of   
 the participant population.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**7. Risks and Benefits  
 7a. Risks - Describe why none of the research procedures would cause a participant either physical or   
 psychological discomfort or be perceived as discomfort above and beyond what the person would   
 experience in daily life (minimal risk).** Click or tap here to enter text.

**7b. Benefits – Describe whether participants will benefit directly from participating in the study. If yes, describe   
 the benefit. And, describe generalizable benefits resulting from the study.** Click or tap here to enter text.

**8. Describe the provisions to maintain confidentiality of data, including collection, transmission, and storage.   
 Identify platforms used to collect and store study data.**  *For EXEMPT research, the AU IRB recommends AU BOX   
 or using an AU issued and encrypted device. If a data collection form will be used, submit a copy.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. If applicable, submit a copy of the data management plan or data use agreement.

**9. Describe the provisions included in the research to protect the privacy interests of participants (e.g., others   
 will not overhear conversations with potential participants, individuals will not be publicly identified or   
 embarrassed).** Click or tap here to enter text.

**10. Does this research include purchase(s) that involve technology hardware, software or online services?**

**YES  NO**

**If YES:**

1. **Provide the name of the product** Click or tap here to enter text.  
   **and the manufacturer of the product** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Briefly describe use of the product in the proposed human subject’s research.**Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **To ensure compliance with AU’s Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Policy, contact AU IT Vendor Vetting team at** [**vetting@auburn.edu**](mailto:vetting@auburn.edu) **to learn the vendor registration process (prior to completing the purchase).**
4. **Include a copy of the documentation of the approval from AU Vetting with the revised submission.**

**11. Additional Information and/or attachments.**

*In the space below, provide any additional information you believe may help the IRB review of the proposed research.   
 If attachments are included, list the attachments below. Attachments may include recruitment materials, consent   
 documents, site permissions, IRB approvals from other institutions, data use agreements, data collection form, CITI  
 training documentation, etc.* Click or tap here to enter text.

**Required Signatures** *(If a student PI is identified in item 1.a, the EXEMPT application must be re-signed and updated at every revision by the student PI and faculty advisor. The signature of the department head is required only on the initial submission of the EXEMPT application, regardless of PI. Staff and faculty PI submissions require the PI signature on all version, the department head signature on the original submission)* **Signature of Principal Investigator:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Signature of Faculty Advisor (If applicable):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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