

WOU Institutional Review Board
Level of Research Review Categories

Full Board Research

C. **Full Board** Research:

Research requiring Full Board approval includes special populations of participants including:

- fetuses,
- pregnant women
- human in vitro fertilization
- incarcerated individuals
- children (except in situations noted in Exempt categories 1 – 4)

Information to consider when determining research project category:

- All research proposals that are not **Exempt** or **Expedited** must receive full board review.
- Full board review is required if
 - The potential for harming participants or violating their rights appears more than minimal. Such proposals may require special protections for participants.
 - Projects that involve the intentional deception of subjects, such that misleading or untruthful information will be provided to the participants.
 - Projects that involve sensitive or protected populations (such as children or cognitively disabled individuals).
 - Projects that plan to use procedures that are personally intrusive, stressful, or potentially traumatic (stress can be physical, psychological, social, financial, or legal).

Examples of risk

- a. Psychological risk: *May be experienced during the research situation and/or later, as a result of participation in the research. Including but not limited to: depression, loss of self-esteem, feelings of stress, guilt, anxiety, confusion, embarrassment, invasion of privacy.*
- b. Social risk: *Including but not limited to: negative effects on standing in group or community, overt hostile reaction by others, reduced opportunity for communication, diminished access to otherwise available roles, lost or endangered membership in groups.*
- c. Physical risk: *Including but not limited to: illness, injury, minor discomfort (such as temporary dizziness, headaches or pain associated with venipuncture), stress related to exercise or physical activity.*

- d. Economic risk: *Including but not limited to: loss of present or future employment, loss of opportunity for career advancement, loss of eligibility for insurance, cost relating to participation in research (including cost for research-related injuries).*
- e. Legal risk: *Including but not limited to: criminal prosecution, civil lawsuit.*