What is the IRB?

The purpose of the IRB is to ensure that the rights and welfare of all human subjects are protected.

Basic tenets of human research are voluntary participation and the ethical treatment of the subjects in the research are protected.

Why Do We Have the IRB?

To protect research subjects, particularly the most vulnerable populations who have historically lacked adequate protections: low income, minorities, children, mentally disabled, prisoners

- Tuskegee Experiments
- Thalidomide drug tests

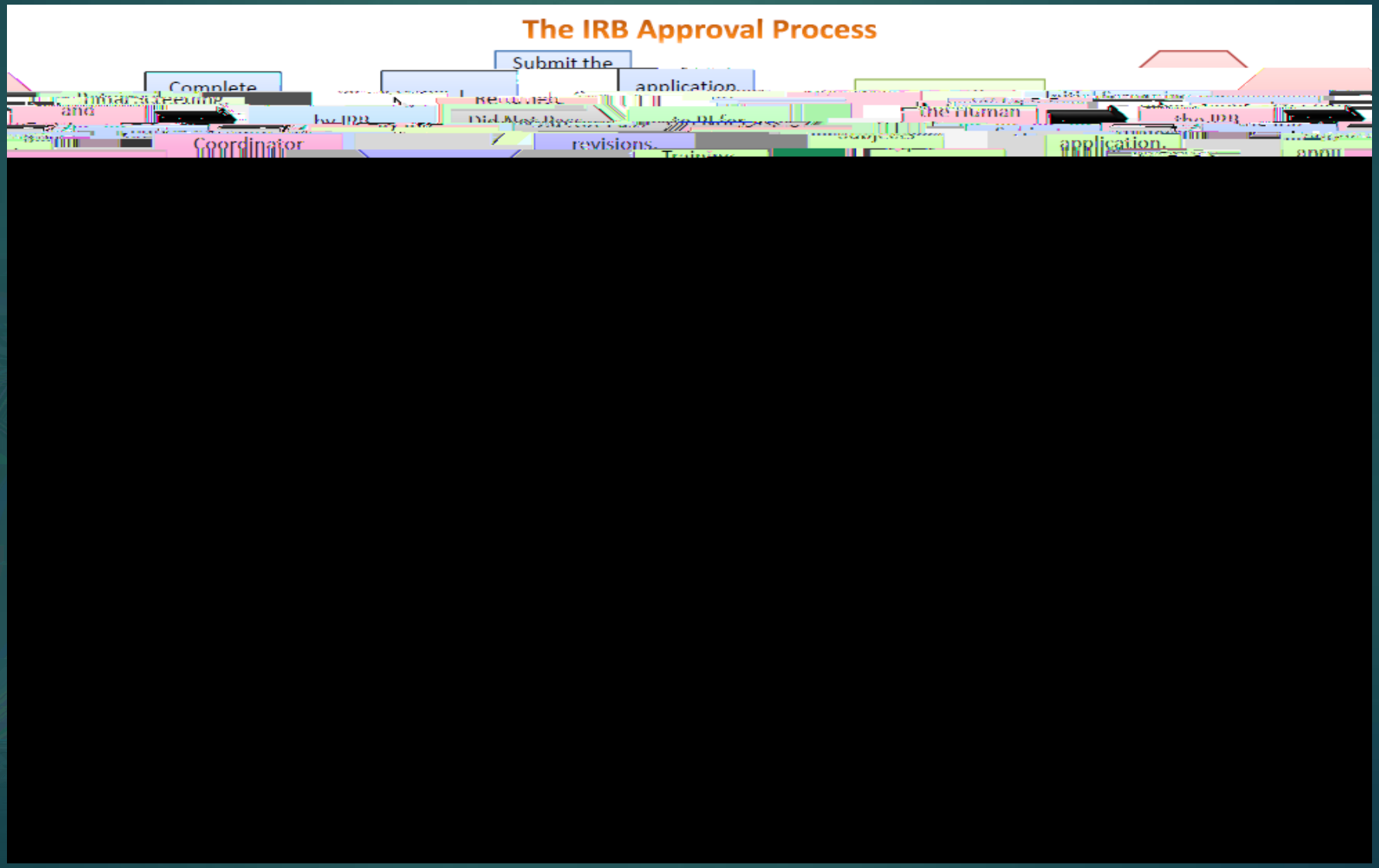
Congressional action in the 1970s led to the Belmont report, which outlined three key principles governing human subjects research

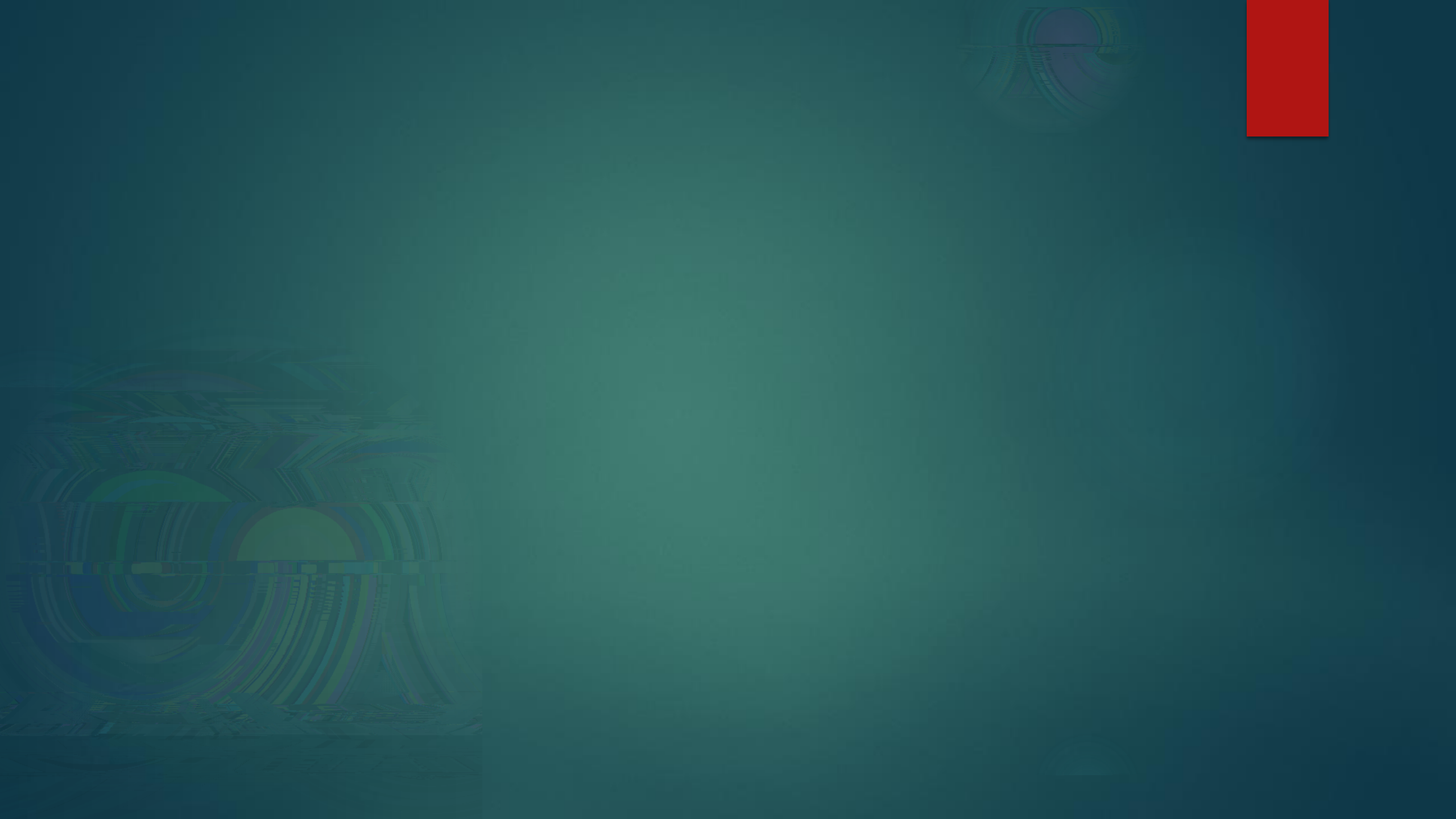
- Respect for persons – informed consent, free from coercion
- Beneficence – balancing risks and benefits, avoiding harm, is it necessary
- Justice – who receives benefits and burdens, and equality of burden

Understanding the IRB Process

1. Carefully _____IRB policies and procedures before starting the application
2. Complete the application
3. Create the merged addendum
4. Complete the application checklist
5. Submit the application packet
6. Respond to Revision requests
7. Receive approval

Understanding the IRB Process





Example Application Responses

First Response from Research Team ð Does not provide requested information

1. In Person, Email, and Printed Materials
2. We will ask students if they want to take the survey. If they say yes we will give them the informed consent form and they will take the survey. Then we will run statistical tests to find out if there is a correlation between the variables.

Second Response ð Provides requested information

1. In Person, Email, and Printed Materials
2. At the beginning of the Spring 2020 semester we will contact faculty teaching ENGL 1101 and request permission to recruit students during a face to face class the 3rd or 4th week of the semester. The members of the research16(r)1r Gav33ß)39(o)-11(f)-1ß)39(t)6(h)-9(e)hQß)3(m)-61(e)-(h)-9(e)-16( )

Example Informed Consent Responses

Informed Consent Template Prompt:


VI. Confidentiality:

[In lay terminology, describe how the data will be de-identified, stored, and/or destroyed.

First Response from Research Team ð Does not provide requested information
VI. Confidentiality
We will tell the participants that they don't have to participate and that their responses will be anonymous. Once we have collected the data we will de-identify it and keep it secure before destroying it.

Second Response ð Provides requested information
VI. Confidentiality
The survey data we collect from you will be anonymous. It will be stored in a cloud site in a password protected account, and accessed by password protected computers. Only members of the research team will have access to the data, which will be kept for two years and then permanently deleted.

Common Questions

Do you have examples of applications that I can review? – Yes, see our FAQ page for sample applications. Please note that you should provide answers to each section based on your actual project. Do not just copy what is in the examples or you will likely not pass screening. These are not 'perfect' applications, but examples of strong applications.

Can you review my application before I submit it? – No, but we are happy to answer any questions that you may have about sDo ..-10(u)16(t)-30W*n4(No)-

More Information

IRB Website

https://aa.columbusstate.edu/research/irb/

- Instructions
- Forms
- FAQ
- IRB Closure dates

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