

**Title:** **Academic and Scientific Research Policy**  
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### **Background**

The Center is a valuable resource for students and professionals doing research on aging. The Center may provide support to scientifically-based studies intended to improve the quality of life for people fifty (50) years and over or investigate aspects of aging.

### **General Guidelines**

1. Researchers who are requesting support beyond displaying a recruitment flyer must complete The Center's Research Application. The project and all related materials involved must be approved by the IRB of an accredited university as well as human subjects' approval. *Requests without evidence of IRB approval shall not be considered.*
2. Once the research request is approved, any changes in the researcher or project shall be reported to The Center Coordinator (or designee) and approval reconsidered.
3. The research study shall pose no more than minimal risk to participants as defined by the *University of Iowa Institutional Review Board Standard Operating Procedures* or IRB of University affiliated with research project.
4. Participant complaints involving the research project or researcher(s) shall be investigated by the Coordinator (or designee). Confirmed complaints will result in action up to and including immediate withdrawal of approval for the current research project and any future research project involving the researcher(s).
5. Research activities shall not interfere with or detract from the delivery of scheduled programs and services, or participant use of The Center.
6. Staff time required during the research project must be minimal and the project conducted at no cost to The Center or its members, clients, volunteers, or staff.
7. The researcher is asked to provide a summary of the findings to The Center Coordinator or designee.
8. Any peer-reviewed publications must be made available to the Coordinator or designee.

### **Types of Research Support Provided by The Center**

1. Display an 8.5 x 11-inch recruitment flyer in the facility.
  - a. Coordinator or designee approval of the flyer must be obtained prior to it being posted.
  - b. Evidence that the flyer has been reviewed and approved by the IRB must be provided.
2. Use of an informational/recruitment display table in a high traffic area of the facility to attract and recruit volunteers for the study.
  - a. Completion and Coordinator or designee approval of The Center's Research Application.
  - b. Table displays must be scheduled in advance with The Center's operations assistant.
3. Conducting an educational program on the research topic to inform and recruit participants.
  - a. Completion and Coordinator or designee approval of The Center's Research Application.

- b. Program topics and scheduling must be approved and arranged in advance with The Center's program specialist.
4. Use scheduled Center space to conduct all or part of the research.
  - a. Completion and Coordinator or designee approval of The Center's Research Application.
  - b. Room reservations must be made for during the business day and scheduled in advance with The Center's operations assistant.
5. A combination of three (3) or more of the above items.
  - a. Researcher must agree to do a presentation at The Center on the research findings or a related topic of interest to people fifty (50) years and above within six (6) months of The Center's involvement.

#### **Research Involving In-House Agencies and Organizations**

1. In-house agencies and organizations are urged to comply with The Center's research policy.

#### **Administration**

The Center coordinator or designee is responsible for reviewing research applications and overseeing all approved research projects that are intended to be published. To be supported by The Center, all research must have the originating institution's human subjects' approval and IRB approval.

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