



## INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

### **Guidelines for Researchers about Studies That Have Received a Title IX Reporting Exception**

With very limited exceptions, all WSU employees are required to report to or the WSU Title IX Coordinator whenever they have reasonable basis to suspect that a WSU student has been subjected to Sexual Violence by another member of the WSU community. Sexual Violence includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, unwanted sexual contact, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, relationship abuse, stalking (including cyber-stalking) and dating violence. A limited exception to mandatory Title IX reporting is available when disclosures are made in the context of human subject research (under the oversight of the WSU IRB) on subjects such as Sexual Violence trauma. This “research exception” recognizes that students may disclose information about Sexual Violence in studies related to that issue with the reasonable expectation that the disclosure would not trigger any reporting obligations under Title IX.

The WSU Institutional Review Board has approved the research exception for the following research project:

Study Title & IRB #:

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project complies with the following conditions, and that such compliance is documented and retained in the project records:

1. Prior to any data collection, the researcher must make clear to the research participant that disclosures made during interviews are not considered sufficient notice to WSU for purposes of triggering an individual investigation under Title IX. The consent form approved by the IRB for this project includes language that provides the requisite information to research participants.
2. If a research participant shares an account during the study about Sexual Violence against a WSU student by another member of the WSU community, the researcher should promptly provide information to that participant on Title IX and how to file a Title IX complaint at WSU, as well as options for reporting an incident of Sexual Violence to campus or local law enforcement and any available on and off-campus resources for survivors of sexual violence. The URL <https://www.wichita.edu/administration/oiec/> provides the requisite information to research participants who make Sexual Violence disclosures.
3. The researcher must also provide the URL <https://www.wichita.edu/administration/oiec/> to participants who do not make Sexual Violence disclosures during the interviews as part of debriefing on the project.

The applicant is also responsible for assuring all research personnel identified in the IRB application are aware of the parameters of the Title IX reporting exception as outlined in this document:

4. The Title IX reporting exception is only for reporting of student-on-student Sexual Violence incidents and *will not relieve researchers from other reporting responsibilities*. Researchers on this project must still report employee-on-student Sexual Violence and other information that individuals in Kansas are legally required to report, such as child abuse, abuse of an incapacitated adult, or hazing. Researchers should be familiar with the information on the following website: <https://www.wichita.edu/administration/oiec/>

5. The Title IX reporting exception extends to all researchers on the project (WSU faculty, staff and students identified in the IRB application).
6. The Title IX reporting exception applies *only* to disclosures made during this research project. Disclosures made to research personnel outside of the research protocols (e.g., to faculty during office hours or while providing academic advising) are NOT excepted from reporting requirements.

*For more information on the WSU Institutional Review Board or institutional requirements regarding research involving human subjects, or if you have any questions about reporting obligations, please contact the IRB administrator at 316-978-3285. Additional materials are available on the IRB webpage at <https://www.wichita.edu/research/IRB/IRBHome.php> .*