North Dakota State University has provided a formal guarantee to the Office of Human Research Protections, in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), that it will follow procedures which will assure the protection of all human participants involved in Federally-funded research projects. To ensure equivalent protections to all human research participants, the NDSU IRB procedures also apply to all such research conducted by faculty, students, staff, or other representatives of the University, whether or not the research is sponsored by agencies of the U.S. Government.

In order to comply with this assurance, the University has established an organization competent to review research projects that involve human participants. In compliance with federal provisions (Protection of Human Subjects (45 CFR 46, 21 CFR 50)), the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has been designated to review these projects by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity.

The function of the IRB is to assist investigators in the protection of the rights and welfare of human participants. Investigators will not bear the sole responsibility for determining the standards for ethical conduct of research involving human participants. It is necessary for others, who are independent of this research, to share this responsibility. The IRB’s Standard Operating Procedures are available on the NDSU IRB web page.