



Types of Undergraduate Research at Snow College

- 1. Level 1:** Assignments where the aim is to practice statistical analysis based on data. This research can use existing national, regional, or institutional data sets that have been stripped of identifying markers. These data sets can be downloaded and saved on any local device. This research does not involve any interactions or interventions with human subjects and is exempt from IRB review.

Faculty completion of CITI or [HHS human subjects training](#): **Encouraged**

- 2. Level 2:** Assignments that involve simple experimental design (simple surveys and simple random sampling) in concert with statistical analysis. This research can interact with human subjects. If the research includes survey procedures, interview procedures or observations of public behavior and if the data collected does not identify or can be readily linked the subjects of the study; the research may be exempt under 45 CFR 46.104(d)(2)(i) provided
 - a. The research does not involve anyone under the age of 18 or over the age of 75
 - b. The research does not ask questions or explore topics deemed “high risk” under Title IX protocols
 - c. Survey
 - d. The presentation of the research is distinct to the class (not public)

For this research, the class instructor has oversight over the entire process. No IRB is required. Use online surveys (Qualtrics) will have a standardized consent statement (block), demographics section (block), and will be deployed using the anonymous distribution link only.

Faculty completion of CITI or [HHS human subjects training](#): **Required**

- 3. Level 3:** Assignments or student research that involve full research design in preparation for external publication and/or presentation (research journals or conferences). Research projects where the information obtained or recorded by the investigator is in such a manner that participant identity can be ascertained or where the nature of the research explores topics deemed “high risk” under Title IX protocols require Snow College IRB application and review. Students conducting such research must complete human subjects research training provided by the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Human Research Protections](#) and attend Snow College’s Undergraduate Research Seminar (held each semester after respective 3rd week dates).

For this research, the instructor will have oversight for all online surveys. The use online surveys (Qualtrics) will have a standardized consent statement (block), the demographics section (block) can be adjusted to fit the within the hypothesized parameters of the study, and survey deployment with use the anonymous distribution link only.

Faculty completion of CITI or [HHS human subjects training](#): **Required**

Human Research Protection Training Notes:

- [The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative](#) (CITI): offers courses on human subjects research (HSR). The recommended course is the [Social-Behavioral Educational \(SBE\) Foundations](#). Cost for individual enrollment is \$129.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS.gov), Office for Human Research Protections offers [Human Research Protection Foundational Training](#). There is no cost associated with this training. Faculty and students should complete Lessons 1 through 4 with printed certificates at the end of each lesson providing documentation of course completion.