

**Nova Southeastern University  
Institutional Review Board  
Policies and Procedures**

**Federal Wide Assurance**  
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**Purpose:**

To establish policy and procedures related to the university's Federal Wide Assurance (FWA).

**Definition:**

None

**Policy:**

The federal regulations require that any institution requesting and receiving funds from a federal department or agency for research involving human subjects must assure that such research is reviewed and approved by the university's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB will maintain the university's Federal Wide Assurance in good standing with the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP). The IRB office will also maintain current roster information reported to the OHRP.

**References:**

45 CFR 46.103

**Procedures:**

1. The IRB office will monitor the FWA and submit a request for renewal in a prompt manner to maintain continuity of approval.
2. The IRB office will periodically submit updates of the IRB members and alternatives via the OHRP website.