



## Policy Directory

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### **Policy Title: Research Subjects**

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Policy: *The Graduate School policy on Research Subjects* contains the policies and regulations of the Alcorn State University Office of Graduate Studies. This policy has been established by the Graduate School Graduate Council to ensure consistent standards across Graduate programs.

#### **RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

All research involving human subjects must be approved prior to including these subjects in research projects or studies. Prior approval must be obtained from the Alcorn State University Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research (IRB). Students must adhere to all requirements established by the IRB Board.

Faculty guiding student research with the intent to use animals in their study must initiate the process for approval. Prior approval must be ascertained from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

External researchers and organizations seeking IRB approval must submit an application for approval to the IRB Board. Careful attention must be given to questions of ethics and human dignity whenever human subjects participate in research for students writing a thesis or research project.