

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews and approves of research conducted on human subjects. IRB approval must be obtained before the data collection begins and specific IRB paperwork must be submitted to the UTTC IRB before research can be approved.

There are four main reasons that UTTC has created an IRB. One, the IRB process ensures that any and all UTTC-associated research does not harm human subjects in any way. This goes in hand with the Native view of taking care of relatives and community. Two, adherence to IRB guidelines helps to ensure the highest quality research at UTTC. Third, federal laws mandate that institutions of higher education that are participating in any type of government-sponsored research have an IRB in place. Finally, all universities and nearly all colleges have IRBs. The UTTC IRB is registered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). The registration number for the United Tribes Technical College IRB #1 is IRB00005063. For more information about the UTTC IRB, please visit the UTTC website.