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## ETSU

All individuals engaged in research that is sponsored by East Tennessee State University, conducted by or under the direction of any faculty, staff, or student or agent of ETSU in connection with his or her institutional responsibilities; conducted by or under the direction of any employee or agent of ETSU using any property or facility of ETSU; on involves the use of ETSU's non-public information to identify or contact human research participants or prospective participants must obtain ETSU or ETSU/VA IRB approval before beginning any research activities.

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4. The research involves the use of non-public information maintained by ETSU to identify or contact prospective participants or participants
5. ETSU is the recipient of a direct federal award to conduct human subject research, even where all activities involving humans are carried out by a subcontractor or collaborator
6. ETSU or ETSU/VA IRB is the IRB of record by contract or MOU

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Any signatory Institution may deny a research project approved by the IRB, including projects exempted by the IRB Chair. No office of any of the participating Institutions may approve a research activity that has been disapproved by the IRB.

(Source: Introduction to IRB Policies, East Tennessee State University)  
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