

***Institutional Review Board***

**Responsible Investigator Certification Form**

*Completion of this form is required for all non-faculty researchers who wish to serve as Responsible Investigators on CWRU IRB protocols.*

The Responsible Investigator is the individual who is ultimately responsible for the conduct of human subjects research at or sponsored by Case Western Reserve University (“CWRU”). This individual could be the one who personally conducts the human subject research or the individual under whose immediate direction and supervision the research will be conducted or in research involving more than one investigator, the individual responsible for coordinating, supervising and/or monitoring the activities of all other persons participating in the conduct of the research.

It is CWRU policy that only those with whom the university has or intends to have an on-going contractual relationship may serve as Responsible Investigator for human subjects research projects. These individuals include faculty, select senior administrative staff, and select senior research staff (e.g., principal researchers, senior research associates), who have been retained or are directly employed by the university to conduct research as independent investigators and who are eligible to serve as principal investigators on externally sponsored research projects. Students, trainees, and fellows, or any other person not meeting the criteria described above, are ineligible to serve as a Responsible Investigator but are required to identify a faculty member to serve as the Responsible Investigator for their human subject research project.

**RESEARCHER**

**By signing this form, I certify that I fit the description outlined above.**

Researcher Signature	Printed Name	Date

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

**By signing this form, I certify that this person is a researcher in my department and fits the description outlined above.**

Chairperson Signature	Printed Name	Date