ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

Institutional Review Board

Title IX Policy FAQs

When do the Title IX protocols apply to a SEU researcher?

The Title IX protocols apply if there is a reasonable expectation that a researcher's target population will disclose Sexual Misconduct information during a study that involves St. Edward's University employees or students. Sexual Misconduct is defined as sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating/relationship violence, stalking, and hate crimes based on gender/gender expression.

Who can conduct this type of research?

Research with potential Title IX disclosures will be automatically categorized as Full Board Review. Student researchers are not eligible to conduct Full Board Review research. For this type of research, **only faculty can be the Principal Investigator (PI)**.

What Title IX documentation does a faculty PI need to submit to the IRB?

1. A completed IRB Full Board Review Application that includes details about the potential risks involving sexual misconduct.
2. A signed IRB Title IX Policy for Researchers.
3. An Informed Consent for Adults containing the additional Required Title IX Consent Language.

What should the faculty PI report to the Title IX Coordinator?

During research protocols, faculty PIs are a Confidential Resource, so only the *type of incident* should be reported (no personally-identifiable information), unless the incident falls into one of the categories below, or as required for legal subpoenas or court orders. This special allowance applies when a participant in an SEU IRB-approved research study discloses sexual misconduct during the data collection process.

What type of incidents must be reported *in full detail* to the Title IX Coordinator?

- If minors are involved (students under 18)
- If the alleged misconduct is SEU employee-on-student
- If reporting occurs outside the scope of the research project (e.g. during faculty office hours or during academic advising, etc.)
- If child abuse/neglect is suspected
- If imminent harm is suspected

How does a faculty PI report an incident to the Title IX Coordinator?

The faculty PI must fill out a Student Concern/Conduct Reporting Form or the Employee of Concern form on MyHilltop, as appropriate, and code it as Sex/Gender Discrimination & Violence. The PI should explain the research protocols and report the *type of incident* only, or the *full details*, as required depending on the circumstances.