

SONA Study Form for NHR-Designated Research

This form should be completed by Psych/HD **faculty** who would like to use SONA to recruit research participants for studies that have been designated "Not Human Subjects Research" (NHR). This is **not** a method of obtaining ethical approval for research and should only be used in cases where the IRB has designated your data collection project as NHR as defined by the federal Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP). The CSUSB IRB requires that you still submit an IRB proposal through Cayuse, and they will provide a letter indicating your proposal is NHR.

You should complete this form and submit it when you set up your study in SONA in lieu of uploading an IRB approval letter. Only the faculty PI may submit this form.

IRB Tracking Number (from Cayuse/the NHR letter from the IRB):

The federal OHRP defines research as a systematic investigation including research development, testing, and evaluation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. A *systematic investigation* is an activity that is planned in advance and that uses data collection and analysis to answer a question. *Generalizable knowledge* is information that expands the knowledge base of a scientific discipline or other scholarly field of study. To post a study in SONA, it is still necessary that your data collection effort be part of a *systematic investigation*, but it is not necessary that it is designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge. Please check to confirm that:

My study is part of a systematic investigation

My study is not designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge

I am responsible for ensuring fair/ethical treatment of my participants

Is the study being conducted by student researchers as a class project? Yes No

If yes, enter the course number here:

Number of participants requested (from IRB proposal):

The department requires that participants are debriefed for any study in SONA to enhance study participation as a learning experience. Please paste your debrief below. Be sure it includes contact information for researchers in case participants have any questions.