IRB Decision Tree

Is it Research?
a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge

- **No**
  - IRB Review is not required (e.g. oral histories, QI/QA)

- **Yes**
  - Does It Involve Human Subjects?
    - a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) Identifiable private information.

  - **No**
    - IRB Review is not required

  - **Yes**
    - Is it being conducted as part of an internship or job (e.g. journalism) and data will NOT be brought back to Yale to be used for any thesis or dissertation?*

      - **No**
        - IRB Review and Approval are required

      - **Yes**
        - Does it meet any of the exemption categories?

          - **No**
            - IRB Review and Approval are required

          - **Yes**
            - Exemption determination is needed

        - IRB Review may not be required

*If unsure consult with the IRB staff to determine whether or not a review is required.