Research Exclusions

Does your project sound like any of the types of projects below? If so, your project may not meet the definition of (regulated) "research," and therefore may not be subject to IRB review

Scholarly and Journalistic Practices

Collection and use of information Focuses on specific individuals

Examples:
oral history, journalism, biography, literary criticism, legal research, and historical scholarship

Public Health Surveillance

Authorized by Public Health Authority Limited in Scope

Examples:
COVID contact tracing; mandatory disease reporting to Virginia Department of Health

Criminal Justice Activities

By/For Criminal Justice Agency Limited in Scope

Must be authorized by law or court order
Must be for the purposes of criminal justice investigation

National Security Activities

"Authorized Operational Activities"

Determined by relevant federal agency;
in support of intelligence, homeland security, defense, or other national security missions

Quality Improvement

Not "Generalizable" Context-Specific

Involves implementing a practice (usually already studied) and collecting information to determine impact of practice on outcomes within a specific setting