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Determining if approval is needed might be less clear cut than you think. Please see guidance for each research area. If you need further help at any time, contact the [Research Compliance staff](#) [1].

Human Subjects Research

- See our [flowchart](#) [2] () for guidance.
- For further guidance, contact Institutional Review Board (IRB) Education at (650) 724-7141.

Animal Subjects Research

All research & teaching activities involving live or dead vertebrate animals require approval from the Administrative Panel for Laboratory Animal Care (APLAC).

This includes:


- Animal work done at Stanford
- Animal work done offsite, but funded by or under the direction of a Stanford researcher
- Animal tissue use when animals are being euthanized specifically for your use.
- Field studies
- Custom antibody production

This does NOT include:

- Non-vertebrate animal work e.g. insects, jellyfish
- Animal tissues which would otherwise be discarded (animal was euthanized for other approved research at Stanford)

For further guidance, contact the APLAC office at (650)723-4550.

Stem Cells Research

Research that involves the use of human stem cells, human embryos, or their derivations require approval. See our [flowchart](#) [3] () for guidance.

Biohazards Research

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is responsible for the Administrative Panel on Biosafety (APB). Please see this [APB website page](#) [4] for guidance.

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