

Does Your Project Require an Application to Hofstra's IRB?

Decision Tree #1

Will you, a member of your research team or a collaborator observe, interact with, or intervene with individuals to gather information that will be used for research? Examples:

- Surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, interviews
- Games, experiments in physical or in electronic environments
- Physical or biomedical procedures – imaging, scanning, blood collection, anthropomorphic procedures
- Diet, nutrition studies, taste tests
- Studies examining effectiveness of educational tools or curricula
- Use of instruments or devices, including phones, to collect data or monitor or influence behavior
- Passive observation of public behavior (in physical or online environments, including social media)
- Studies examining individuals' responses to manipulation of their physical or online environment
- Another activity that involves observation of, or interaction with, individuals to gather information for research

**NO,
research will use
only existing data**

**Refer to IRB Decision
Tree #2 on Existing/
Secondary data**

**Not human participant research. No
application to Hofstra's IRB is needed.**

**Is the sole intent of the project to meet
course requirements, with no intention
to use the results for something other
than the course assignment?**

The project may
lead to use of the
results outside of
the course (e.g., for
a publication,
presentation, thesis,
or dissertation).

**Does the project involve stories that will
or may draw broad conclusions about
the population, cultures, norms and
practices; even if no research hypothesis
is being tested or validated?**

Published materials will be limited to only
documenting or reporting on events, situations,
policies, institutions or systems without the intent
to form hypotheses, draw conclusions, or
generalize findings.

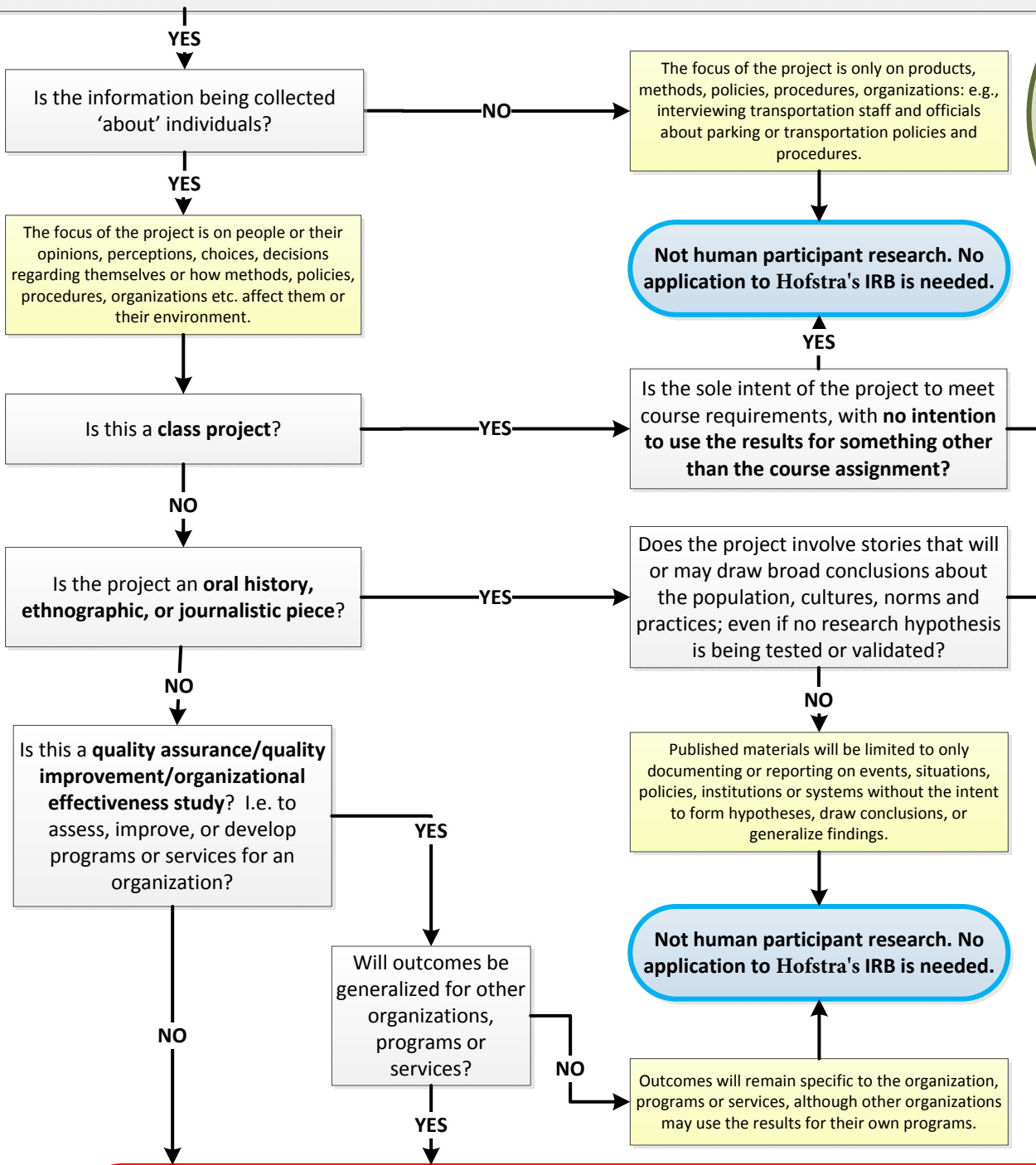
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Outcomes will remain specific to the organization,
programs or services, although other organizations
may use the results for their own programs.

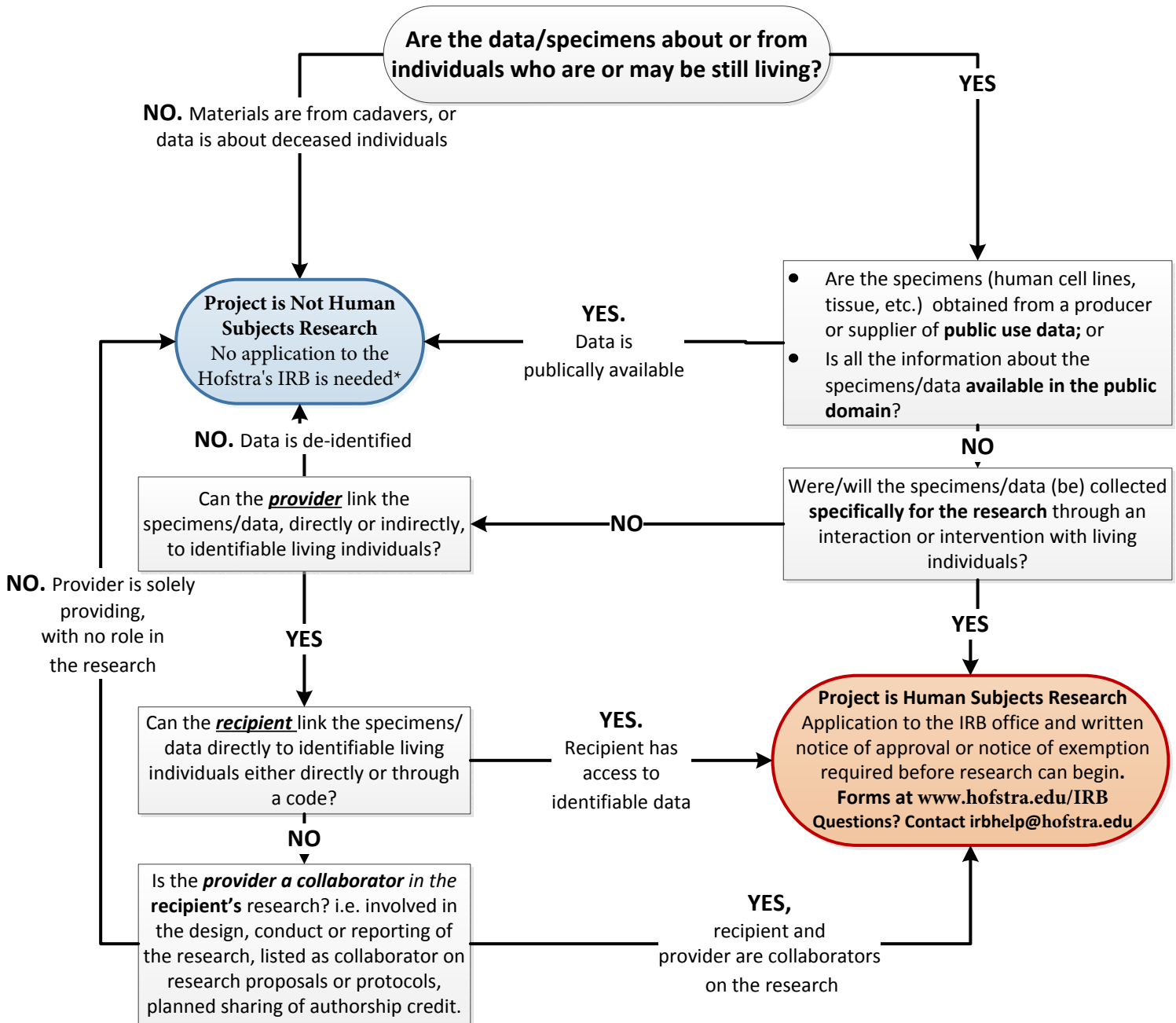
YES

Project is research with human subjects.

**An application to the IRB office and written notice of approval required before the study can begin.
Forms available at www.hofstra.edu/IRB. Questions? Contact irbhelp@hofstra.edu**



**Does Your Research Involving Secondary or Existing Data, Documents or Biological Specimens
Require Review by Hofstra's IRB?
Decision Tree #2**



*Contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (<https://www.hofstra.edu/about/administration/provost/orsp/index.html>) if acquiring data requires a Data Use Agreement or a Materials Transfer Agreement between the provider and recipient.

Reference:

“Research Involving Private Information or Biological Specimens Flowchart”, National Institute of Health (NIH), January 2006, <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/PrivateInfoOrBioSpecimensDecisionChart.pdf>