Piedmont College students conduct research at the Undergraduate, Masters, Education Specialist, and Doctorate levels. Additionally, many faculty members are involved in individual and cooperative research. Each year, over 500 studies are completed at these various levels throughout the college.

All research involving human subjects at Piedmont College must have Institutional Review Board approval prior to inception of research, regardless of category or level of human involvement. This policy is designed to allow the college a sufficient level of institutional control over research quality, and to protect the researcher by archiving approved research proposals. These approved proposals are maintained in a database administered by the IRB Coordinator and are listed according to the originating research professor and the lead researcher listed on the application. They are also assigned an IRB Reference Number, which appears at the bottom of the approved application. Research professors are responsible for insuring that all research applications are completed on the most current version of the application. The correct form will be the one that is posted on the Piedmont website (current version IRB1142014) in conjunction with updates to this document. Research professors are responsible for review of the completed student document and submission of this document to the IRB Applications office. This may be done either electronically (IRBApplications@piedmont.edu) or by hardcopy (IRB Applications, Piedmont College, 1021 Central Avenue, Demorest, Ga. 30535). All correspondence will be between the research professor and the IRB office. Requests to conduct research at Piedmont College from external institutions or individuals shall be reviewed with recommendations by the IRB Director, approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and submitted to the President for final approval. For question on IRB policy, please contact Ron Leslie at rleslie@piedmont.edu.

The following resources are available to support research at Piedmont College:

Piedmont College IRB Application
Piedmont College Directions for Completion of IRB Application
Piedmont College Sample Parent-Guardian Consent Form
Piedmont College Sample Older Child Assent Form
Piedmont College Sample Young Child’s Assent Form
Piedmont College Sample Adult Participant Consent Form
Template for Electronic Survey Informed Consent

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