



**Institutional Review Board
Ethnographic Research/Fieldwork**

Research Proposal Title: _____

Principal Investigator: _____

Campus: _____ **Department:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Ethnographic research, also known as fieldwork, involves observation of and interaction with the persons or groups being studied in the group's own environment.

Fieldwork research proposals often do not fit a traditional research design or Institutional Review Board (IRB) review model. However, the same principles for protection of human subjects apply to these studies.

Describe the research location(s):

Describe how you chose these particular settings:

Who is responsible for providing permission to conduct research in these settings?

How will you handle situations in which permission from the group is provided but individuals do not want to participate and vice versa?

Will you consult with the people who gave you permission to collect data before you publish?
Explain:

Principal Investigator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email forms and supporting documentation to: irb@tccd.edu.