Did you know...

The Office for Human Subjects Protections (OHRP) has created a free, printable list of general questions titled, “Questions to ask when deciding whether to volunteer for research” which is located at: https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sites/default/files/questions_full_list_v5-remediated_12222016.pdf

This is also on the SWO website at: https://www.swo-nsn.gov/departments/department-of-education/research-office/

The OHRP list of questions are very useful and can help you learn more about:
- the research project,
- what would happen during the study,
- any risks involved to you by participating in the research,
- how your privacy and confidentiality will be protected,
- any financial considerations,
- among other considerations.

Tribal Research Office

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO VOLUNTEER FOR RESEARCH

Tribal Member Considerations

It’s important for our tribal members to know what to expect before you decide whether to participate in research. Don’t be afraid to ask the research team for more information and talk with them about your concerns. It’s their responsibility to give you the information you need. Additionally, it is essential for our tribal members, and all research participants, to know their rights as volunteers of research studies.

The questions below were created to be used, in addition to the OHRP list, when considering the tribal member perspectives.

1) How will our Tribe/Oyate benefit from this research project?
2) Did the SWO Local Research Review Board review and approve this study?
3) Why did you choose to conduct your study on the Lake Traverse Reservation?
4) What are your ties, if any, to our community? (For relationship building purposes)
5) Do you plan to conduct future studies here?
6) Who is all involved with this project? More specifically, is anyone from the SWO community (people, programs, entities) involved with the study? (e.g. Tribal member serving as Data Coordinator in the research project)
7) How will findings from this project be shared with tribal leadership, the Oyate (community), etc.?
8) Do you plan to present or publish articles on the findings from this project? If yes, will the Tribe be identified? How will you protect my information from being identifiable?
9) Are you aware of the past harms (historical context) of research conducted in the S-W community? In Indian Country as a whole? If yes, how do you plan to protect the SWO tribal members from previous and possible ‘harms’ and/or risks during this study?
9) How do you predict the results from this project can/will be utilized on the Lake Traverse Reservation?

Note: These questions are not all-encompassing but should be used as a guide to prompt your own questions, from a tribal perspective, when deciding on whether to participate in a research project.

Please remember you can always contact the SWO Research Office with questions and/or concerns before, during, and after a research study is conducted.

Your comments & suggestions are always welcomed. Contact: Heather Larsen, Research Specialist 605.698.8411 PO Box 509 Agency Village, SD 57262 Location: Tribal Admin. Bldg. Ska (White) Quadrant, Education Suite Email: HeatherL@swo-nsn.gov

These Dakota values guide our process:

Woabdbeza (Observation) Wowicake (Truth) Woohoda (Respect) Wowaonsida (Compassion) Woksape (Wisdom)