IRB Decision Tree

**Is it Research?**
a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge

- **YES**
  - **Does It Involve Human Subjects?**
    a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) Identifiable private information.
    - **YES**
      - Is it being conducted as part of an internship or job (e.g. journalism) and data will NOT be brought back to Yale to be used for any thesis or dissertation?*
        - **YES**
          - IRB Review may not be required
        - **No**
          - IRB Review is not required
    - **No**
      - IRB Review is not required

- **NO**
  - IRB Review is not required (e.g. oral histories, QI/QA)

**Does it meet any of the exemption categories?**

- **YES**
  - Exemption determination is needed
- **NO**
  - IRB Review and Approval are required

*If unsure consult with the IRB staff to determine whether or not a review is required.