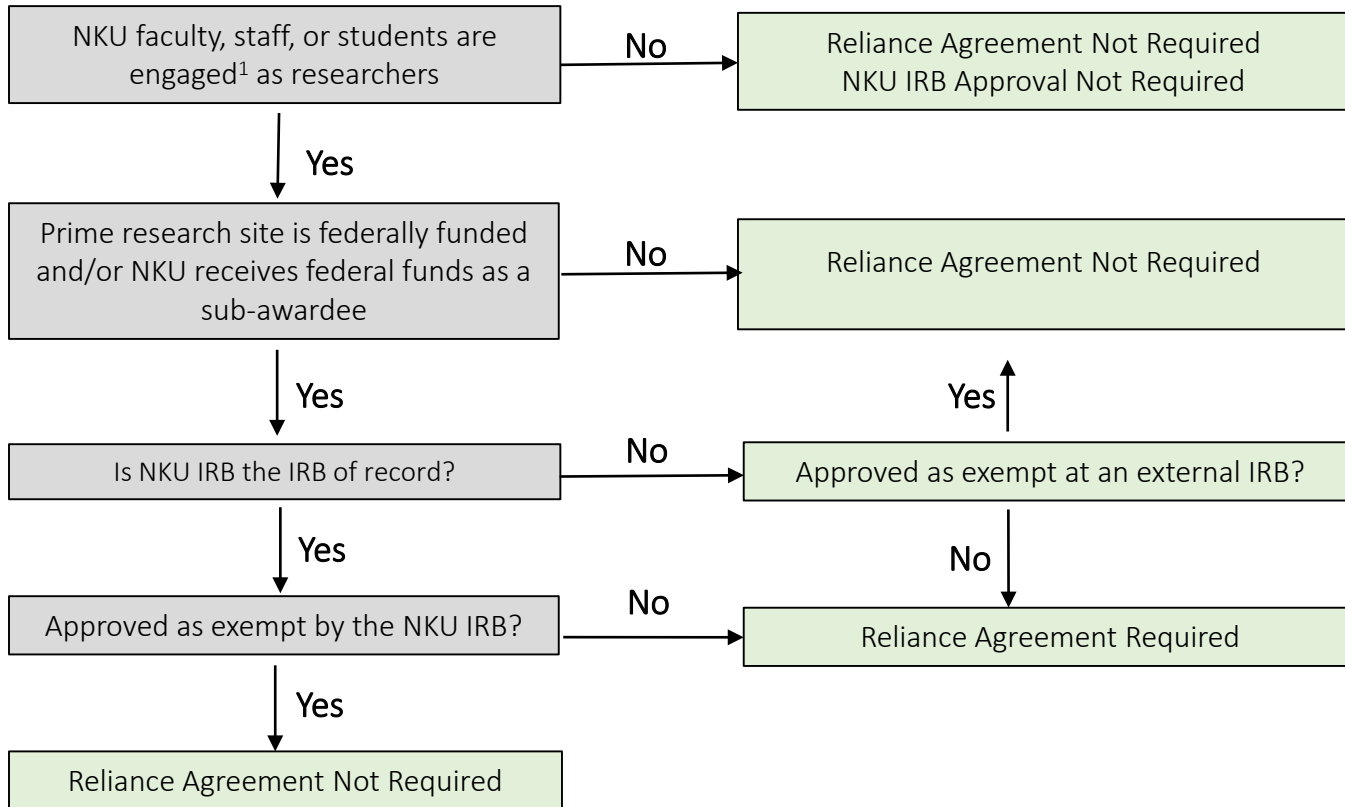


Collaborating with an External Institution/IRB?

Find out if you need a reliance agreement.



¹ Engagement: Obtaining consent, directly collecting data from participants,, or having access to data with identifiers

² Approval letter, copy of the protocol submitted and approved by the external IRB submitted through Mentor IRB

NKU as the Reviewing IRB

Meaning – the NKU IRB will serve as the reviewing IRB for the project

Conditions –

- the relying IRB must agree and sign a formal reliance agreement.
- This typically happens after the NKU IRB has approved the project.

Form – NKU Reliance Agreement Template

Initiation – the NKU IRB initiates and formalizes the agreement

NKU as the Relying IRB

Meaning – the NKU IRB will rely on an external IRB to be the IRB of record (or reviewing IRB)

Conditions –

- the NKU IRB must receive relevant documents²
- the external IRB must have a federal wide assurance
- Both institutions must approve and sign the reliance agreement

Form – External IRB Reliance Agreement Template

Initiation – the external IRB initiates and formalizes the agreement