



ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

Pat Corrigan, Psy.D., Chair

TO: Steve Du Bois and Kelly Manser

RE: A longitudinal study assessing relationship and health outcomes in a sample of individuals in long-distance relationships

PROTOCOL #: IRB2018-018

DATE APPROVED: February 16, 2018

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviewed and approved, via expedited procedure as authorized by 45 CFR 46.110(b)(1) the above-named protocol which will involve human subjects

Basis of Determination (DHHS Expedited Review Category):

Category 7: Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies.

Recommendation: ☒ **Approval**

Important: Keep this letter with your records. Your approval number, shown above, should be used in all correspondence with the IRB office so that we can identify your project. The IRB would like to call your attention to some of your obligations as principal investigator. Any changes in the funding of this research or changes in the protocol, or in its procedures; any change of principal investigator or other research personnel, or any significant adverse effects or injury to subjects must be reported to the IRB immediately. If your project uses a paper consent form, only the informed consent form stamped and dated by the IRB Executive Officer can be reproduced and used in this study. IIT policy and federal regulations require the retention of all records relating to the IRB and to human subjects activities for at least five years after completion of the research. Records, including applications, amendments, signed consent forms, and collected data, must be accessible for inspection at any time and for copying by authorized representatives of IIT, HHS, or the specific agencies sponsoring the research.

Please be aware that your current IRB approval is valid for two years from the date shown above. It is your responsibility to notify the IRB if a study's funding status changes. You must notify the IRB if you receive external funding for this study at any point. You must submit a renewal application for IRB review prior to the expiration in order to obtain IRB approval for the next approval period. If the current approval expires and you do not obtain approval for another approval period, research on this study, including subject enrollment, must cease until you regain approval. If you have questions about your obligations as principal investigator, please contact the Office of Research Compliance and Proposal Development at (312) 567-5757 or IRB@IIT.EDU.

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Sincerely,

Pat Corrigan (dgp)

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