



## Human Research Protection Program

### EXEMPT DETERMINATION

December 4, 2024

Dear [Nandana Weliweriya Liyanage](#):

On 12/4/2024, the Human Subjects Office reviewed the following submission:

Title of Study:	Active & Experiential Learning with Low-cost Telescopes
Investigator:	<a href="#">Nandana Weliweriya Liyanage</a>
Co-Investigator:	David Seiden
IRB ID:	PROJECT00011071
Funding:	None
Review Category:	Exempt 1

We have determined that the proposed research is Exempt. The research activities may begin 12/4/2024.

Since this study was determined to be exempt, please be aware that not all future modifications will require review by the IRB. For more information please see Appendix C of the Exempt Research Policy (<https://research.uga.edu/docs/policies/compliance/hso/HRP-033-ExemptResearch.pdf>). As noted in Section C.2., you can simply notify us of modifications that will not require review via the “Add Public Comment” activity.

Before beginning the work of the project, it is your responsibility as the PI to ensure that all activities and materials are compliant with the HRPP, including without limitation the following policies and other requirements: [Exempt Research Policy](#) (this includes that the consent process must comply with the elements in Appendix B of the Exempt Research Policy), [Investigator Training](#), [Students as Research Participants](#), [Participant Incentive and Compensation](#), [Participant Selection and Recruitment](#), [Deception or Incomplete Disclosure](#), [Research with Vulnerable Populations](#), [Internet Research](#), [HIPPA](#), [FERPA](#), [Use of External Sites](#), [Transnational Research](#), [EITS sensitive data policy](#), [GDPR](#).

In addition, the PI must ensure full compliance with any institutional requirements related to data, materials, and confidentiality. Please initiate any related NDA – Non-Disclosure Agreements, MTA – Material Transfer Agreements, or DUA/DSA – Data Use/Sharing Agreements here: <https://research.uga.edu/gateway/patents-licensing/material-transfer-requests-confidential-disclosure-requests/>. If you have any questions about these agreements, or if any other agreement (such as an MOU or similar) is required for the project, please reach out to Matt Hall, Assistant Counsel for Research, [mattbhal@uga.edu](mailto:mattbhal@uga.edu).

All active Exempt research projects fall under the HRPP Quality Assurance Program and may be randomly selected for audit, observation, and other post-approval monitoring. Failure to comply with the above institutional policies or to respond to post-approval monitoring requests may result in findings of [noncompliance](#) and associated corrective action requirements.

A progress report will be requested prior to 12/4/2029. Before or within 30 days of the progress report due date, please submit a progress report or study closure request. Submit a progress report by navigating to the active study and selecting Progress Report. The study may be closed by selecting Create Version and choosing Close Study as the submission purpose.

In conducting this study, you are required to follow the requirements listed in the Investigator Manual (HRP-103).

Sincerely,

Tammy Andros, Compliance Professional  
Human Subjects Office, University of Georgia