



## Research Ethics Appeals Procedure

The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2018), requires institutions to have established mechanisms and procedures in place for properly handling Appeal from researchers when, after reconsideration, the REB has refused ethics approval of research. All reasonable informal attempts should first be taken to resolve a disputed decision prior to initiating the appeals process.

The Aurora College Research Ethics Board serves as the Research Ethics Appeal Committee (REAC) for Yukon University. This ensures that the committee meets the requirements of membership with required expertise and knowledge.

Researchers wishing to appeal a REB decision will send a notice of appeal to the Associate Vice-President Research within 10 days of receiving their decision from the YukonU Research Ethics Board. The notice of appeal should specify the decision being appealed and the reasons for the appeal.

The Associate Vice-President Research will refer the research in question to the Appeal Committee. Copies of the proposal, any revisions and all documentation and correspondence will be made available to the Appeal Committee by the Research Ethics Coordinator.

The REAC will meet within six weeks of notification. A quorum will consist of the full Committee. The REAC is subject to the same regulations of the main Committee regarding co-opting expertise and meeting with the Researcher.

The REAC will notify the YukonU Research Ethics Coordinator, the applicant and the YukonU REB Co-Chairs of their decision in writing. Unless otherwise stated in their decision, the decision of the REAC will be final.

Non-compliance with the substance of the Tri-Council Policy Statement is a reason for refusing to grant an appeal.

*More details on the appeals procedure available in the REB SOP 408.*