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Community Member

Yukon University Research Ethics Board

The Yukon University Research Ethics Board (REB) is currently seeking interested persons from the community to serve as a member on our board. The REB reviews the ethical acceptability of all research involving humans in compliance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS 2 2018) and YukonU's Human Research Ethics Policy, and other relevant ethical standards, policies, and legislation.

The role of the community members on REBs during the ethics review process is unique and at arm's length from the University. Their primary role is to reflect the perspective of the research participant.

Responsibilities

- To assess research projects from an ethical perspective, reflecting on the likely reaction of research participants
- To actively participate in discussions with other REB members
- To participate the review and design of REB documents and procedures
- Be familiar with the Tri-Council Policy Statement -TCPS2 2018 and related interpretations

Training and Support

- All REB members must complete the online TCPS 2 Core tutorial training.
- Yukon University provides opportunities for professional development, mentorship and networking. Where possible they support the members attendance at regional or national conferences (Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards-CAREB), but training will also be provided at local workshops, seminars and online courses.
- There is much learning on the job with the support of the Research Ethics Coordinator, REB Co-chairs and other REB members.

Time Commitment:

- One meeting every month (except summer months), during the day generally at the lunch hour, so must be flexible to have time off
- Review one or two applications a month, plus operational materials for full board meetings
- A two-year commitment to the board is required. This may be extended for additional two-year terms.

Qualifications

- Community members should **not** be affiliated with YukonU.
- A commitment to bringing a public perspective to help the REB achieve its mandate. TCPS2 (2018) insists that "The community member requirement is essential to help broaden the perspective and value base of the REB, and thus advances dialogue with, and accountability to, relevant communities."
- The primary role of the community member is to reflect the perspective of the research participant. Accordingly, it is desirable that applicants under this category be former research participants.
- Background and interest to broaden the Research Ethics Board's approach to its mandate and responsibilities.
- Time to devote to the Research Ethics Board's work as well as willingness and ability to work well in multi-disciplinary ethics
- Empathy for research participants
- Computer ability to receive / send email and word processing documents or conduct online reviews and access agenda materials.

Benefits

- Lunch provided at in-person meetings
- Library privileges at YukonU
- Expanded network of professional colleagues
- Training opportunities
- Being on the edge of research development in science, social sciences, humanities and the arts
- Opportunity to ensure that members of the Yukon community who are involved with research are treated with respect, dignity, and are freely informed about their participation

Application

Interested individuals should submit a brief covering letter specifying how you meet the requirements outlined above and your curriculum vitae or resume. More details about the REB may be found at https://www.yukonu.ca/research-and-innovation/our-services/research-ethics

Questions about this position? Contact the Research Ethics Coordinator, Valoree Walker (vwalker@yukonu.ca) or the current REB Co-Chairs, Eric Hoogstraten (ehoogstraten@yukonu.ca) and Dawn Macdonald (dmacdonald@yukonu.ca)

Please submit your information to vwalker@yukonu.ca

Thank you for considering this opportunity to provide service in support of ethical research practices at Yukon University.