**Research Ethics Board**

**SCHOLARLY REVIEW FORM**

TCPS2, Article 2.7, requires the Yukon University Research Ethics Board (REB) to ensure that all research protocols involving human participants that are above minimal risk undergo a scholarly review for scientific merit. This scholarly review is required in order to allow the REB to assess whether or not an appropriate risk/benefit ratio exists.

Typically this scientific review occurs via independent peer review at funding agencies at the national or territorial level (ie. CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC). This would normally fulfill the requirements for scientific merit review.

For research that is either unfunded, funded by agencies or sponsors that do not use peer review or for research which represents pilot or research for students, the researcher may be asked to provide the REB with proof that the proposed “**above minimal risk**” research has undergone an internal scientific review. Student thesis research would generally have a departmental proposal defense process that would meet the requirements for internal scientific review.

In cases where there is no adequate review a committee comprised of individuals with the necessary expertise will be appointed to assess the integrity of the proposed protocol to consider the hypotheses/objectives, methods and contributions of the proposed research to ensure that the involvement of human participants is warranted and that the “above minimal risk” research has scientific integrity. Alternatively, the REB may be asked to comment on the scholarly integrity of the research.

In cases where no such internal expertise exists the REB may be required to solicit external opinions on the scholarly integrity of the research.

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| **Ethics File Information** |
| Title of Research Study Under Review | Click here to enter text. |
| Purpose of Project | Choose an item. |
| Level of Project | Choose an item. |
| Principal Investigator | Click here to enter text. |
| Department/Faculty | Click here to enter text. |
| Email Address | Click here to enter text. |
| **Note: A copy of the corresponding REB application must be provided to the Scholarly Review Committee.**  |
| **Relevant Expertise** |
| Please provide a brief overview of your relevant area of expertise or background in relation to this project (MAX ½ PAGE) | Click here to enter text. |
| **Reviewer Evaluation of Study** |
| Rationale for the study | Click here to enter text. |
| Appropriateness of the methods chosen to address the research question. | Click here to enter text. |
| Soundness of research design. | Click here to enter text. |
| Ability of the researcher(s) to carry out the proposed research project. (e.g., time, human resources, physical resources, financial resources). | Click here to enter text. |
| Significance and potential contribution of the research | Click here to enter text. |
| Anything you wish to raise with respect to the proposed research not addressed above. | Click here to enter text. |
| **Signature and Agreement** |
| **Having read either the detailed description of methods or the ethics application for the study under review, we believe that the proposed research is considered to have scientific merit and the methods fall within the standards of the field and are appropriate for the proposed study and has the Committees support. We also declare that all members on the review committee have no conflict of interest in this proposed research.**[ ]  **Yes**[ ]  **No** |
| **Reviewers Comments:** Click here to enter text. |
| **Names of Reviewer(s)** | **Department & Institution** | **Signature of Reviewer(s)** |
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| **Thank you for your assistance. If the University Research Ethics Board has any questions or concerns regarding your evaluation of this file, we will contact you.** **Submission Process: Please submit the application package electronically to** **ethics@yukonu.ca** |