

Indigenous Research Involving Humans: Scope and Process

Scope of Dalhousie Research Ethics Boards Oversight

Research Ethics Board (REB) approval is required when conducting research with living people, with information provided by living people or with human biological materials (from living or deceased individuals). Research involving humans includes conducting research, including data analysis, with information provided by human participants, regardless of whether or not that information was collected by you (for instance, it could be provided by a data custodian or shared by a research team member).

1. Is your project research? Yes No

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Research exempt from research ethics board review is described in [TCPS articles 2.2](#) and [2.4](#). Activities not requiring REB review are described in [TCPS articles 2.5](#) and [2.6](#).

2. Does your project involve humans? Yes No

Human participants (including biological materials from living or deceased individuals) are involved in your research (including data analysis) and you have access to the information collected or shared (including data analysis).

3. Are you

Timing and Process for Research Ethics Application

Your application to a Dalhousie University research ethics board is the first step after all other consultations, engagement activities, funding agreements and permissions have been secured.

- a. Research agreements should be developed in consultation with the research community to set mutual expectations and commitments (see [TCPS article 9.1](#))

Agreements typically set out the purpose of the research and detail mutual responsibilities in project design, data collection and management; analysis and

reporting; data storage and disclosure; confidentiality; intellectual property where applicable; production of reports; coauthorship; dissemination of research findings; and use of the information or human biological material, and associated data collected, should also be addressed and documented in the research agreement.

The [Contract Approval and Signing Policy](#) requires that agreements that relate to Indigenous research are subject to mandatory legal review. Contact ORSLegal@dal.ca for questions or assistance.

- b. Any required permissions will be secured, including any Indigenous ethics review approvals required (for example Nunavut Research Institute, Nunatsiavut Government etc.);
- c. Documentation of the process of engagement with the research community should be included in the preparation of the research plan.