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University of Calgary CHREB Administration Fee for Industry-Funded Protocols

The Research Services Office (RSO) charges an administration fee for the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB) review of research studies funded by industry or for-profit organizations. The fee recovers costs borne by the CHREB and RSO and is payable after the CHREB reviews your application. Effective **July 1, 2026**, the University of Calgary will adjust the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB) fee structure for industry-sponsored research:

- The **initial review** of an ethics application will continue to be charged at a rate of **\$5000.00 CAD**.
- **Effective July 1, 2026**, a **\$1500.00 CAD annual review** fee for each renewal of the ethics application. This will be charged upon submission of a renewal application.
- **Effective July 1, 2026**, the **REB Exchange (REBX)** fee for the initial review of UCalgary participating site (pSite) application will increase to **\$2,500.00 CAD** from \$2,000.00 CAD.

The CHREB Administration Fee is payable regardless of the outcome of the review or contract status (this includes withdrawing the application after review by the REB has commenced).

Fee Criteria

The CHREB Administration Fee applies to **each** CHREB application for a research study that is funded **wholly or in part** by an industry funder (a for-profit organization, e.g., a pharmaceutical, biotech, or medical devices company, or an agent or contractor thereof).

Fee for REBX Participating Sites

Where the application to the CHREB is for an industry-funded study submitted as a participating site (pSite) through the [REB Exchange \(REBX\) system](#), the fee is **\$2,500.00 CAD** (or \$2,000.00 CAD until June 30, 2026). This covers all post-approval monitoring and review activities, including annual renewals.

Fee for Multijurisdictional Research Submitted Outside of REBX

For high-risk multijurisdictional research where the UCalgary application is submitted outside the REB Exchange, the administration fee will be **\$5,000.00 CAD** and the annual review fee of **\$1500.00 CAD** will be charged for subsequent renewals.

Fee Waiver Criteria

The initial \$5,000.00 CAD CHREB Administration Fee will be waived in two cases of industry-funded studies:

- 1) Studies funded by industry but are investigator-initiated and controlled, such that **all** the following criteria are met:
 - a. the study is authored, initiated and conducted by a researcher from the University of Calgary;
 - b. the intellectual property is owned by the researcher;
 - c. the researcher can alter the research protocol without influence from the industry funder; **and**

- d. none of the generated research data are owned, controlled, licensed by, or required to be shared with the industry sponsor.
- 2) Studies funded by industry but matched by Tri-Agency partnership grants.

Waiver of annual renewal fee for existing studies (initial approval before July 1, 2026):

For industry-sponsored studies approved by the CHREB before July 1, 2026, researchers who cannot afford the new annual renewal fee (effective July 1, 2026), may request that their fees be waived. These decisions will be made at the discretion of the Office of the Vice-President (Research) on a case-by-case basis.

To streamline the administrative review, please submit a rationale for the request and supporting documentation to the REB with your renewal application.

Please direct questions related to the CHREB Administration Fee to the Research Services Office at rso.rebfees@ucalgary.ca