

Single Ethics Board Review for Minimal Risk Research TCPS 2 (2022)

The TCPS2 recognizes that research often involves collaborative partnerships among researchers from multiple institutions.

Minimal risk research that falls under the jurisdiction of multiple REBs or institutions subject to the TCPS may proceed with the approval of a single REB, pursuant to the additional, operational and administrative requirements required by researchers' home institutions (See [Chapter 8 TCPS2](#)).

At the University of Calgary, this means that the CHREB and CFREB will acknowledge the research ethics approvals granted to minimal risk research studies by the REBs of institutions that are compliant with the TCPS2 and that are eligible to receive Tri-Agency funds. For these approvals to be acknowledged, researchers are still required to complete an IRISS application so that the University of Calgary has a record of what will be undertaken and to ensure that local administrative and operational approvals are sought and received.

If you are a collaborator on a research project that has received REB approval from another Tri-Agency eligible institution, please complete an IRISS application as usual, and upload the REB certificate from the approving institution.

Please request consideration of your application under the single REB model in your response to question 4.0 in the Impacts and Operational Approvals page in IRISS. Indicate the approving REB's information and that you are requesting acceptance of the other REB's approval.

Please note:

- The University of Calgary reserves the right to undertake independent REB review of research at the discretion of the Chairs, or delegates, of its REBs.
- This review model applies only to minimal risk research, which is defined as research in which the probability and magnitude of possible harms implied by participation in the research are no greater than those encountered by participants in those aspects of their everyday life that relate to the research ([TCPS2 Chapter 2, Section B](#)).
- If the research involves access to personal health information as defined by the Health Information Act of Alberta, review by a [designated Alberta REB](#) is required (CHREB, HREB, or HREBA).

- Research in which the provisions of Chapter 9 (Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada) apply to the local UCalgary jurisdiction is not eligible for single REB review ([TCPS2 Chapter 9](#)).
- Acknowledgement of the approval of the external REB is granted for a one-year period after which time the UCalgary PI must apply for a renewal with the CFREB or CHREB.
- Modifications made to the UCalgary research site may reflect study-wide changes, or changes to the local site only. It is the responsibility of the UCalgary PI to ensure that all study-wide modifications have received approval from the external REB prior to submission to the UCalgary REB. It is also the responsibility of the UCalgary PI to ensure local site modifications are made in compliance with any study governance obligations (i.e., that the UCalgary PI has the authority to make such changes).

Should you have any questions about the eligibility of your study or the submission process, please contact the ethics analyst for the UCalgary REB to which you will apply (cfreb@ucalgary.ca or chreb@ucalgary.ca).