



The University of the Fraser Valley Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) was established to fulfill the ethical responsibilities concerning research involving human participants in accordance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS2).

The HREB has the responsibility of education of research ethics, and for independent, multidisciplinary review of the ethics of research involving human participants to determine whether the research should be permitted to start or to continue.

The board has the authority to approve, reject, propose modifications to, or terminate all proposed or ongoing research involving humans within the institution's jurisdiction based on the ethical considerations as set forth in the Research Ethics Policy.

The HREB is an appointed body of, and accountable to, the President of UFV. In its decision-making with respect to evaluating the ethics of proposed or ongoing human subjects research at UFV, the HREB is administratively independent.

The Chair will report annually on the HREB's activities to the Provost and Vice-President Academic and to the President.

The HREB refers to the Provost and Vice President Academic any breaches of compliance of the HREB's reviewing mandate and with approved protocols, with standard operating procedures (SOPs), or with other standards of practice that cannot be corrected by the HREB.

The HREB has the authority to establish its own procedures and internal policies that do not conflict with those established by the Senate or the TCPS2, and to make recommendations to the Senate or Provost and Vice President Academic for revisions to the HREB Policy or the Terms of Reference of the Board.

Annually, the HREB determines the need for expertise in relevant research disciplines to ensure competent independent research ethics review (TCPS2 2022 Article 6.4), in accordance with the TCPS2 (2022). Regular members shall be appointed to a representative capacity by the President on





The Vice-Chair shall be appointed by the AVP RGS, based on the recommendation of the HREB, normally from among the appointed regular members.

The HREB Vice-Chair is also responsible for ensuring that the HREB review process conforms to the requirements of the TCPS2. The Vice-Chair will fulfil the role of the Chair when the Chair is either not available, or there is a conflict of interest declared by the Chair.

The community member(s), who can be either scientific or non-scientific reviewers, should be knowledgeable about the local community and be willing to discuss issues and research from that perspective. Consideration should be given to recruiting individuals who speak for the communities from which UFV researchers normally draw their research participants. The community member(s) should not be vulnerable to intimidation by the professionals on the REB.

The HREB will meet regularly to carry out their prescribed duties. Regular monthly meetings are

UFV maintains a reciprocal Research Ethics Appeal Board with Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Other agreements may be accepted. The terms and procedures for filing an appeal are outlined in an inter-institutional agreement between both Universities in accordance with the TCPS2.

The researcher and HREB must have fully exhausted the reconsideration process, and the HREB must have issued a final decision before the researcher initiates an appeal.

The university shall provide sufficient financial support to the HREB to enable them to effectively carry out their responsibilities.

The Research and Graduate Studies office shall provide the administrative support required to process applications, take minutes, and maintain appropriate records.