



Research Ethics Board Application Form
Appendix A: External Scholarly Review

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Note:

For research proposals that present more than minimal risk, a scholarly peer review must be undertaken prior to submitting an application for ethics review and approval to the Okanagan College Research Ethics Board (REB). See Sections 4.2.2 and 13.4 of the Okanagan College Research Ethics Board Policy for criteria outlining when such a review is necessary.

This form is for the use of an independent external peer review. The completed form must be attached to the Principal Investigator's application and submitted to the Chair of the Okanagan College's Research Ethics Board.

Conflict of Interest (External Reviewer)

This is to confirm that I have no conflict of interest and that I am also free of any biases that would prevent me from giving my best independent scientific opinion on this participant.

Reviewer's Name

Title

Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email

Signed By

Date



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PART A: GENERAL

Name of Applicant

Department/Area

Project Title

Funding Agency (if applicable)

1. Brief Description of Project (to be completed by reviewer)

2. Budget (if applicable)

a) Approximate Budget - Year 1

b) Is it justified in the application?

c) Are the sums requested adequate?

d) Is there a project contract?

PART B: REVIEW

1. Is there a reasonable hypothesis?

2. Is there an appropriate literature review?

3. Is the research protocol clearly described?

4. Is the significance of the study explained?



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PART B: REVIEW *con't*

5. Is this study feasible?
If not, why?

6. Is the study likely to yield publishable results?

7. What is your overall assessment of the application?

8. Please list any specific recommendations
(attach an additional page if necessary)

PART C: HUMAN PARTICIPANTS

1. Are participant inclusion and exclusion criteria carefully delineated?

2. Is the study comparative to representative research in this area?

3. Are the study numbers (sample size and selection of participants) discussed and justified? If yes, are the study numbers sufficient to provide likelihood of an interpretable result?

4. Is the study descriptive? If yes, is the information to be derived likely to be unique?

5. Does the study involve disruption of schedules (including school or work) for participants/parents? If yes, is the disruption justified?



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6. Is statistical analysis required? If yes, is there a discussion of statistical methods and are they appropriate?

7. Is the harm vs potential benefits appropriate?

8. Is this a clinical trial comparing two or more treatment regimens, are the risk - benefit ratios of each regimen well balanced so that the average expert would not favour one regimen over the other (that is, does equipoise exist)?

Yes

No

Don't Know

9. Are there any major changes that need to be made before this proposal should be reviewed by the Research Ethics Board?

10. Is scientific merit including significance of study adequate to justify its ethics consideration?

PART D: RANKING

Two ratings are to be determined; the proposal as is, and the proposal if the proposed revisions are made.

Please use the rating system from 0 to 4:

0 Reject 1 Fair 2 Good 3 Very Good 4 Outstanding

1. Proposal As Is:

0 1 2 3 4
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2. Proposal if Revisions are Made:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Signed By

Date



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All research involving humans at Okanagan College must be reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Board. Approval must be obtained in writing before the research begins.

This form should accompany the Principal Investigator's application as well as all supportive documents and submit these to:

Chair, Research Ethics Board
Okanagan College
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Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 4X8
email: REB-CHAIR@okanagan.bc.ca

The Research Ethics Board (REB) adheres to the principles and practices stated in the Canadian *Tri-Council Policy Statement* (1998 and subsequent published editions).