
HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS

Approval Authority	Senate
Responsible Executive	Associate Vice-President, Research, Engagement, and Graduate Studies
Related Policies / Legislation	Animal Care (51) Conflict of Interest (142) Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship (53)

PURPOSE

The University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) requires and supports the highest ethical standards in conducting research involving human participants to ensure the rights of human participants are respected and protected. Researchers at or associated with UFV are required to follow research ethics protocols to ensure their research protects human participants.

SCOPE

Primary institutional responsibility for reviewing research involving humans at UFV rests with the UFV Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) and individually with the researchers themselves. This Policy applies to Research involving human participants:

- 1) That is conducted by all faculty members, staff, students, and all other research personnel associated with UFV;
- 2) That is undertaken under the auspices of or in affiliation with the University of the Fraser Valley; or
- 3) That uses University of the Fraser Valley equipment, facilities space, or resources.

This policy is in compliance with the *Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2010)*. The policies on conflict of interest and responsible conduct of research and scholarship are also applicable.

POLICY

All research that involves living human participants requires review and approval by a Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) in accordance with this policy and the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2nd Edition (TCPS 2) ‘Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans’, before the research is started.

UFV expects all researchers to adhere to the principles described herein.

The following core principles are outlined in the Tri Council Policy Statement (TCPS, 2018). These are principles that UFV will follow. The three core principles are: respect for persons, concern for welfare, and justice.

- Respect for persons refers to the recognition of the intrinsic value of human beings and the respect and consideration due to them as human participants. Autonomy is a consideration when considering respects for persons,
-

- Concern for welfare takes into the account the quality of the person’s experiences. This includes the impact on their physical, mental, spiritual health, and their physical, economic and social circumstances.
- Justice refers to fairness and equitable treatment. No specific populations should be burdened as specific recipients of the harms in research, or denied the benefits of research or research knowledge.

Published Procedures of this Policy

Definitions, Procedures, and Guidelines

Terms of Reference

Appeals Procedures

<https://ufv.ca/research-ethics/reb-terms-of-reference/>

References:

Tri-Council Policy Statement -2, 2018

http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique_tcps2-eptc2_2018.html
