

Research Ethics Policy

This document is the parent policy for any College procedures or regulations. Questions regarding this policy are to be directed to the identified Policy Administrator.

Policy Statement:

The Board of Governors expects the rights of participants engaged in research projects to be protected from greater than minimal risk.

Sponsor:	Academic
Policy Owner:	Vice President, Academic
Policy Administrator:	Vice President, Academic
Approved By:	Board of Governors
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Objective:	N/A
Guidelines:	<p>Participants in research projects have the following rights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to consent to participation without coercion; 2. to be fully informed about the project, except under special circumstances; 3. to be provided with opportunity to assess risk; 4. to withdraw from the research without penalty of any kind (including loss of agreed upon monetary reimbursement or other incentives); 5. to be fully informed of the degree of anonymity; 6. to have access to the research results; and 7. to adhere to the Tri-Agency Framework for responsible conduct of research.
Definitions:	Minimal risk is defined as, “research in which the probability and magnitude of possible harms implied by participation in the research is no greater than those encountered by participants in those of their everyday life that relate to the research.” ¹

Related Northern Lakes College Documents:	N/A
Related External Information:	<p>Alberta Human Rights Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans</p>
Stakeholders Consulted:	<p>Academic Council: May 8, 2019; Nov 13, 2019 Deans Council: Jun 6, 2023 President’s Advisory Team: Sep 6, 2023</p>

¹ Canadian Institute of Health Research, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans*. December 2014, p.22. Available from: https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/tcps2-eptc2_2018_chapter2-chapitre2.html

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