



POLICY ON RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS

## Policy

It is the policy of the University of Guelph that all research involving human participants conducted on its premises or by its faculty, students, and other members of the University community, should be carried out in a manner consistent with certain fundamental principles:

- protection of academic freedom and respect for the norms of academic responsibility, as set forth in University policy and Article 7 of the Collective Agreement with the University of Guelph Faculty Association;
- respect for persons, who, having been adequately informed, should have the right to choose voluntarily what shall happen to them;
- human participants should be selected and treated in a fair and appropriate manner;
- the risks of research should be reasonable in the light of the expected benefits, and every reasonable effort be made to minimize the potential risks of research;
- the investigators should be competent, to both conduct the research and safeguard the welfare of the research participants.

Therefore, all research projects involving human participants, prior to their initiation, must be reviewed in light of these principles. This Policy shall apply to all research projects undertaken at or under the auspices of the University, whether or not the project is funded and, in the case of funded research, whether or not the funding, in whole or in part, is administered by the University.

## Implementation

The President (or his/her designate) shall establish the Research Ethics Board according to Article 6.2 of the Tri-Council Policy Statement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

Advised by the Research Ethics Board, the President (or his/her designate) is authorized to issue Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) pursuant to this Policy relating to the ethical review and conduct of research projects involving human participants and, from time to time, to amend those Guidelines and SOPs. The most recent edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement, and other legislated requirements or University policies and guidelines as appropriate, shall be the sole basis for any new or revised guidelines, procedures, or regulation for research involving human participants.