



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Research Ethics Board (REB) Meeting Dates for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Above Minimal Risk Research

The Tri-Council Policy Statement defines *above minimal risk* as: additional risk incurred by participants over and above what they would normally experience in their everyday life. Participating in the research project potentially exposes participants to risk(s) greater than they would otherwise be exposed to.

Above minimal risk studies require review by all or most REB members including the REB Chair. REB members meet, discuss, and review above minimal risk studies as a group. The researcher sometimes participates in the discussion to offer additional clarification and to answer questions.

REB applications for above minimal risk studies must be received by 4:30pm on the **Applications Due** date to be reviewed at the following **REB Meeting Date**.

Applications Due	REB Meeting Date
September 8, 2023	October 6, 2023
November 10, 2023	December 8, 2023
January 12, 2024	February 9, 2024
March 8, 2024	April 5, 2024
May 10, 2024	June 7, 2024

Shortly after the REB reviews the application, the researcher will receive written feedback from the committee. The researchers then address the feedback in writing, revise and resubmit the application. The REB reviews the revisions. If outstanding items remain, the application will be sent back to researchers for additional clarification and/or revision. If all items are addressed according to the TCPS2 ethics guidelines, then a Letter of Approval will be sent to researchers.

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Applications for minimal risk studies are reviewed on an ongoing basis by three committee members including the REB Chair. There are no deadlines for minimal risk applications. Please plan for approximately 6-8 weeks to obtain REB approval for minimal risk applications.