



## Research

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## Introduction

The First Nations University of Canada, as a post-secondary institution, has a responsibility in the creation and dissemination of new knowledge. All researchers have a responsibility to conduct research ethically, through thoughtful inquiry, rigorous analysis and with adherence to professional standards. The First Nations University of Canada is committed to upholding standards of conduct that reflect accountability, integrity, respect, fairness, and transparency in its day-to-day decisions, actions, and interactions.

This policy outlines the manner in which all research is to be conducted by researchers utilizing university or any Tri-council research funds.

## Definitions

**Incorporation by Reference** is a term used to describe a mechanism which allows a document that is not in the text of the policy to be made a part of the policy.

## Policy

The First Nations University of Canada requires all research to be completed with the highest possible ethical standards as outlined in the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (<http://pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique/initiatives/tcps2-eptc2/Default/>).

The First Nations University of Canada wishes to affirm that all researchers from the University will read and will be willing to sign the *Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and*

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*Awards by Research Institutions* and comply with the requirements, policies and procedures specified in it and relevant to a particular grant or award.

The First Nations University of Canada wishes to affirm that animals are not used for any of its research, whether in its own facilities, in other facilities or in the field. Should the First Nations University of Canada start using animals in any of its research, it will obtain a Certificate of Good Animal Practice® from the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and comply with the CCAC standards and with the requirements of the *Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions*.

The First Nations University of Canada affirms that the University, by virtue of the Federated Agreement, has a formal written agreement with University of Regina to rely on its policy that follows the requirements of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS 2). The University currently requires all researchers to work with the University of Regina Research Ethics Board. However, to ensure clarity and understanding, the University adopts the following University of Regina research policies through incorporation by reference:

- Research Ethics Board Policies
  - Ethics - Research with Humans RCH-020-101 (<https://www.uregina.ca/policy/browse-policy/policy-RCH-020-010.html>)
  - Informed Consent Guidelines (<https://www.uregina.ca/research/assets/docs/doc/Behavioural%20Consent%20Guidelines%20March%202012.docx>).

## Role and Responsibilities

### 1. Vice-President (Academic)

The Vice President (Academic) has the responsibility to promote awareness and education related to ethically responsible conduct of research. The Vice President (Academic) has general responsibility for enforcement and initiating reviews of this policy.

### 2. Researchers

At a minimum, a researcher is responsible to conduct his/her research in an ethically responsible manner in accordance with all University policies (noted above) and, if applicable, an appropriate collective agreement.

## Consequences for Noncompliance

Noncompliance could negatively impact the reputation of First Nations University of Canada within its community and stakeholders. It could also result in the University to be deemed

ineligible to hold Tri-Council grants. Noncompliance of this policy is a serious matter and could result in discipline up to and including termination.

## Related Information

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)  
<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
[http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)  
<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>