DUTY STATEMENT

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EXPERT IN RESEARCH

The individual will need to have experience and/or an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

1. Duties
   - Review Committee papers.
   - Provide expert advice and feedback in relation to research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
   - Where appropriate, consult with and apply “Values and Ethics: Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research (NHMRC 2003) (‘Values and Ethics’) guidelines.
   - Attend meetings

2. Selection Criteria
   
   **Essential**
   - Have networks with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and/or knowledge of research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
   - Familiar with the culture and practices of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with whom participation in the research will be discussed.
   - Knowledge and understanding or willingness to learn the ethical principles that are applied to research involving humans.
   - Knowledge or willingness to learn government legislation and guidelines relating to human research and ethics.
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   **Desirable**
   - Demonstrated experience as Committee member of any Committee or Committee group dealing with complex issues.
   - A basic understanding of ethical issues related to the use of humans in research.

3. Relevant material

   1. Victoria University Human Research Ethics Committee Website (Refer to Terms of Reference) http://research.vu.edu.au/HRE_cttee.php
4. Submitting an Application

Applications for membership must include:
- Application letter systematically addressing the Selection Criteria (above)
- A brief Curriculum Vitae

Applications are to be forwarded to:
The Director,
Office for Research
Footscray Park Campus
P O Box 14428
Melbourne VIC 8001
Victoria University

And/Or e-mail applications to the Coordinator, Ethics & Biosafety
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