

# DUTY STATEMENT

## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE MEMBER WITH KNOWLEDGE OF, AND CURRENT EXPERIENCE IN, THE AREAS OF RESEARCH THAT ARE REGULARLY CONSIDERED BY THE HREC

The individual should have substantial experience working with humans in research, have an excellent understanding of ethical issues related to the use of humans in research, and a broad appreciation of a range of research methodologies.

#### 1. Duties

- Review Committee papers
- Attend each meeting (normally 11 per year, however reserve meetings are a possibility)
- Provide expert advice and feedback in relation to legal and ethical principles applicable to research involving humans
- On occasion, provide out-of-session feedback to the Committee.

#### 2. Selection Criteria

##### Essential

- 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.

#### 3. Relevant material

1. Victoria University Human Research Ethics Committee (VUHREC) Website – <https://www.vu.edu.au/researchers/research-lifecycle/conducting-research/human-research-ethics/vu-human-research-ethics-committee-vuhrec>
2. National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans 2007 updated 2018 – <https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018>
3. Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018 <https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/australian-code-responsible-conduct-research-2018>