

# DUTY STATEMENT

## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWYER, WHERE POSSIBLE, ONE WHO IS NOT ENGAGED TO ADVISE THE INSTITUTION

The individual will need to have experience and/or an understanding of legal and ethical issues related to the use of humans in research.

#### 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

- Good working knowledge and understanding of the legal and ethical principles that are applied to research involving humans.
- Knowledge of government legislation and guidelines relating to human research and ethics.
- Where possible, is not engaged to advise VU.

##### Desirable

- Practising lawyer with demonstrated experience as Committee member of an Ethics Committee or as a member of an academic/administrative Unit dealing with complex issues.
- Previous experience in reviewing ethics applications relating to area(s) of research involving humans.

#### 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>
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