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.

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

4. Submitting an Application

Applications for membership must include:

- Application letter systematically addressing the Selection Criteria (above)
- A brief Curriculum Vitae

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