

DUTY STATEMENT

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LAY PERSON AND WHO HAS NO AFFILIATION WITH VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, AND WHO IS NOT INVOLVED CURRENTLY IN MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR LEGAL WORK.

The individual should have a basic understanding of ethical principles as applied to research but should not be involved currently in medical, scientific, or legal work.

1. Duties

- Review Committee papers;
- Attend each meeting (normally 11 per year, however reserve meetings are a possibility);
- Provide advice and feedback to reflect a lay person's point of view of proposals.
- 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>
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