

Brescia University College Policy for Ethical Review of Research Involving Human Participants

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Policy

1. This policy applies to all instances where research involving human participants is performed at Brescia University College (BUC), and to all faculty, staff or students carrying out research involving human participants as principal or responsible investigators at another institution or site.
2. All research involving human participants must adhere to the policies and procedures of BUC and the Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2 (2014)), in addition to other relevant guidelines and required legislation. BUC must ensure that any research conducted under their auspices adheres to the TCPS 2 (2014) policy.
3. All applications for approval to conduct research involving human participants or human biological specimens will be reviewed by Brescia University College's Research Ethics Board (BUC REB). The BUC REB reviews applications based on the principles and information contained in the TCPS 2 (2014). All researchers applying for ethics should be familiar with the content in this policy and the TCPS 2 (2014). The BUC REB has the authority to approve or reject an application, require the alteration of an application, or stop or limit research that is already underway.
4. Depending on the nature of the research, Brescia faculty may be required to submit an application through the University of Western Ontario's Research Ethics Board (UWO REB). If the application is approved by the UWO REB, Brescia faculty will supply to the BUC REB a copy of the UWO REB application and the approval letter. The BUC REB may then make its decision to approve the research based on the UWO REB approval.
5. Research for the purposes of pedagogy, which has been approved through the Student Research Ethics Review Panel (SRERP), must still undergo BUC REB approval if a faculty member intends to conduct the research with the possibility of publishing it.
6. Research studies may not begin until the appropriate research ethics application has been approved by the BUC REB and/or the UWO REB (if applicable), and signed by the appropriate REB official.
7. Failure to comply with BUC's policies and procedures may prevent the approval of pending ethics applications and/or may result in approval of current studies being revoked by the BUC REB (and/or UWO REB, if applicable). As warranted by the severity of circumstances, the BUC REB may also send notification of such failure to comply to the researcher's Dean, Division Chair, Institute Heads, and appropriate funding and licensing agencies

All REB guidelines and application procedures are available on the BUC intranet site:

https://www.uwo.ca/brescia/insidebrescia/fr/research_ethics_board.html