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Carleton Research Ethics Board Update

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with periodic updates on REB activities, new policies and forms, and other pertinent information. In these update newsletters, you will also find guidance and support on how to prepare and submit your ethics applications, and manage your ongoing protocols.

[Visit Office of Research Ethics Website](#)

Gordon DuVal Retirement and Welcoming the New Director

The Director of the Office of Research Ethics (ORE), Gordon DuVal, will retire as of December 31 of this year. A huge thanks to Gordon for his excellent leadership in steering the ORE and his dedicated service to the research community at Carleton! Gordon, you will be missed!

Starting in January, we will welcome Jessica Adam as Director of a joint Office that will oversee both Research Ethics and Research Security and will be responsible for the ORE. We look forward to working with Jessica!

CUREB Co-Chair Bernadette Campbell will take on enhanced duties providing guidance and oversight to the team of Ethics Coordinators and Board members in their ethics review of study submissions and responding to researcher questions and concerns.

OVPRII has Launched Refreshed Research Website

We are delighted to announce that the OVPRII launched an updated version of our Research website on December 4. After extensive evaluation and development, the new website structure offers a hub for all research-related initiatives and support at Carleton. Here, researchers conducting projects requiring ethics review can now access the resources needed to submit and maintain approvals. The way to access the Research website has not changed – visit research.carleton.ca.

Minor Changes to the Very Low Risk Form

Some years ago, we brought in the Very Low Risk (VLR) Form to streamline the submission and review of projects posing extremely low risk. We have updated the VLR form to reduce the need for the Office to return to researchers requesting additional information. This should improve the efficiency of the VLR process. While the form has changed, the streamlined review process remains the same.

Winter Term Monthly Deadlines for Full-Board Reviews Now Posted

The deadlines for full board reviews are now posted. These are the deadlines by which we must receive the full submission for greater than minimal risk studies, to be considered at the next monthly REB meeting. Just a reminder that there is no deadline for minimal risk studies, which can be submitted at any time and are considered continuously as received.

Excellent Graduate Students Needed for Board Membership

CUREB is always on the lookout for talented and thoughtful senior graduate students, who have experience with human participants research, and who wish to gain experience by serving on an appropriate REB. If you would like to nominate a suitable student, please contact REB Co-Chair Bernadette Campbell with information about the student, including a CV if possible.

Course Clearance for Winter 2026

If you have not already submitted your course clearance application for a Winter 2026 course, please do so as soon as possible. A gentle reminder that course clearance should be sought several weeks before the relevant course commences to ensure that clearance is in place in a timely fashion.

