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Carleton Research Ethics Board Update August, 2026

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.

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Ethical Conduct for Research with Indigenous Peoples and Communities: New Policy, New Process

Did you know that Carleton has established its own Indigenous Research Ethics Board (IREB) which is housed in the [Ānako Indigenous Research Institute](#)?

New Policy: In April, 2026 Carleton's Senior Management Policy Committee approved a new [policy](#) on the Ethical Conduct of Research with Indigenous Peoples and Communities. The policy applies to "all research conducted by Carleton University faculty members, graduate students and research associates that involve Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous communities, Indigenous languages, Indigenous lands, waters and territories, Indigenous cultures and Indigenous knowledges." The IREB was developed through consultation with Indigenous communities and Indigenous faculty at Carleton University, and in partnership with the Office of Research Ethics and Security.

New Process: Research with Indigenous Peoples and Communities must be reviewed and cleared by the IREB before beginning the review process with CUREB-A or CUREB-B.

Researchers should submit their complete CUREB protocols directly to the IREB using the form on the Ānako website, also available [here](#). Researchers who submit Indigenous-related ethics protocols to CUREB will be directed to Ānako for consultation and review. If you have any questions, you can contact ethics@carleton.ca or anako@cunet.carleton.ca.

Updated Very Low Risk Form and Instructions

To better align with our Main Protocol Form, we have updated the Very Low Risk form (and accompanying instructions) as of January, 2026. Very Low Risk protocols continue to receive expedited Chair and Office review. Please use the most recent version of this form.

Always check [our website](#) for the most recent forms!

Reminder: Preliminary Guidance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Human Research

We have been seeing a lot more and different uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in research submissions. A couple of years ago, following discussions with CUREB members and within the Office of Research Ethics and Security, we published some [preliminary guidance](#) for researchers on our website. We are currently drafting language for use in our Consent Form template. This is all still a work in progress, and we continue to welcome thoughts and recommendations from the research community. Send us a note at ethics@carleton.ca.

Reminder: Course Clearances for Fall 2026

It is time to submit your course clearance protocols for Fall 2026! If you have not already submitted your course clearance application for a Fall 2026 course, please do so as soon as possible. Course clearances should be sought several weeks before the relevant course commences to ensure that clearance is in place in a timely fashion.

TCPS-2 Course on Research Ethics (CORE) Certification

Need an updated TCPS-2 CORE certificate?

CUREB asks researchers to provide a certificate that is no more than 5 years old.

The good news is that researchers who have previously been certified no longer need to re-take the full 4-hour ethics course. You can now get an updated certificate by successfully completing a brief test of your TCPS-2 knowledge ([Knowledge Consolidation Exercise](#))

