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**NEXT ARC RESEARCH ETHICS BOARDS WEBINAR:
RELATIONS OF PROXIMITY OR AFFILIATION IN RESEARCH WITH HUMANS**

Montréal, September 26, 2017. – To provide Research Ethics Boards (REB) in the college network an opportunity to develop professionally and make contacts, the [Association pour la recherche au collégial](#) (ARC) is holding a new [REB webinar](#) (Atelier CER). The meeting will take place online, on Thursday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to noon EDT. The activity is for REB members and the staff who coordinate such activities. We invite public and private colleges as well as government schools to encourage all potential participants to attend.

Through its series of REB seminars, ARC seeks to meet three objectives: to respond to interest expressed by members of the college community; to allow those interested in ethics to share their concerns; and to gather suggestions from participants. This seventh session will look at various aspects of research with human subjects with whom researchers have relations of proximity or affiliation. How should the concept of free and informed consent be interpreted in such circumstances? What issues arise when researchers want to conduct a project in which the participants are also their students? Similarly, what happens when the participants are colleagues with whom researchers teach or collaborate, or to whom they offer teaching advice, for example. What are the current practices? What are the potential role conflicts and how could such conflicts be prevented or addressed? These are all questions to be asked when assessing the ethics of a project conducted by researchers who appear to be in relations of proximity or affiliation with the target population.

To make the information session available to as many people as possible, it is being offered as a webinar. In addition, it will be possible to hold discussions with resource persons in either French or English. To encourage free discussion and participation by all, the session will not be posted online after it is over. [Atelier CER : recherche avec des êtres humains et liens de proximité ou d'appartenance](#) is an opportunity not to be missed! For more information or to register for the activity, please call 514 843-8491, or write to arc@cvm.qc.ca. A registration fee will apply.

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