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WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD AN REB REVIEW?

Montreal, October 27, 2022. – In response to a request from the college research community and with a focus on dialogue and experience-sharing, the [Association pour la recherche au collégial](#) (ARC) is offering a training session on research activities that require a Research Ethics Board (REB) review, that are exempt from such review, or that constitute exceptions. This session is intended for everyone and will be held online on November 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Montreal time).

Given that the most recent version of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* defines research as an undertaking intended to extend knowledge through a disciplined inquiry or systematic investigation, with the expectation that the method, results and conclusions will be able to withstand the scrutiny of the relevant research community, what activities should an REB review? What are the main criteria for defining a research activity that must be considered by an REB? Which activities are exempt or qualify for an exception? Which activities have traditionally employed methods and techniques similar to those employed in research but are not considered research and, therefore, do not require REB review? This session will lay the groundwork for the next activity on research ethics, specifically ethical deliberation, which will include a simulation of an REB review.

On October 19, ARC held its first session on the same topic organized exclusively for REB members and those who coordinate REB activities. The participants of that session agreed that it was, in their words, *interesting, relevant and enlightening*. This time, ARC is inviting researchers, project coordinators, research advisors, ethics advisors, as well as research managers. Anyone who missed the October event is more than welcome to register for this second session.

Note that discussions with the resource person can be held in both English and French. Note also that in order to encourage an open discussion and full participation, the session will not be available for offline viewing after it has ended. Anyone interested in registering for the event can fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/3KkmBe679izbmqiv7>. Individuals from [institutions](#) that make a contribution to ARC will be allowed to participate free of charge. Otherwise, the fees are outlined in the [fee schedule](#).

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