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Mprime wishes to promote and fund research that is conducted according to the highest ethical standards. Mprime has therefore adopted the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans <http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/english/policystatement/policystatement.cfm> as its standard of ethical conduct for research involving human subjects. As a condition of funding, Mprime requires that its researchers and participating universities apply the ethical principles and articles of this policy.

Policy Goals

- Mprime will ensure that all proposals where proposed research involves human subjects are examined for any ethical conduct concerns
- When an ethics review is required, Mprime will make sure it is conducted at the proposal stage and any funding awarded will be pending the results of such a review.
- Mprime respects the shared fundamental values that are expressed in the duties, rights, and norms of those involved in research. This policy should ensure that the rights of Mprime research subjects shall be equally recognized and respected, regardless of the researcher's discipline.
- Mprime works closely with Research Ethics Boards at its participating universities when reviewing research proposals that involve human subjects.

Research Requiring Ethics Review

- All research that involves living human subjects requires review and approval by a Research Ethics Board, before the research is started
- Research involving human remains, cadavers, tissues, biological fluids, embryos or fetuses shall also be reviewed by the Research Ethics Board.
- Research about a living individual involved in the public arena, or about an artist, based exclusively on publicly available information, documents, records, works, performances, archival materials or third-party interviews, is not required to undergo ethics review. Such research only requires ethics review if the subject is approached directly for interviews or for access to private papers, and then only to ensure that such approaches are conducted according to professional protocols.
- Quality assurance studies, performance reviews or testing within normal educational requirements should also not be subject to Research Ethics Board review.

Review Process

Each research and internship proposal received at Mprime must include a disclosure whether or not the proposed research involves living human subjects or human remains. Mprime will not consider any proposal that

does not include the above mentioned disclosure.

Research and internship proposals that involve living human subjects or human remains must be reviewed by the Participating University Research Ethics Board prior to being submitted to Mprime. A report by such a board has to be included with the application.

Mprime will not fund proposals that have not been approved by a Research Ethics Board at a participating university.