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Notice to Researchers

Adding Students to Existing Ethics Applications Adding Funding to Existing Applications

Addition of Students: This is to remind all researchers that students (undergraduate, graduate, PhD, Masters etc.) who are being added to existing ethics applications and approvals must be involved in the research that is the subject of the existing ethics approval. Increasingly, UBC's Research Ethics Boards are encountering situations where students are being added to approved studies so that they can get access to data for use for their own research or a "sub-study" related to the approved study. Students doing their own independent research involving use of existing data must submit individual applications for approval of their specific research. If their research is a true sub-study encompassed under the original ethics approval and application, an amendment must be filed detailing the specifics of the sub-study so that it can be appropriately reviewed and approved.

Adding Funding: Researchers are reminded that all funding that is being added to an existing ethics application and approval, must be directly related to and the funding must have been awarded specifically for the approved ethics protocol. Increasingly, UBC's REBs are encountering situations researchers are adding funding to existing ethics approvals where the funding is not directly related to the study that was approved. Researchers are reminded that if the funding being added is for a different study, that that study does **not** have a valid ethics approval.

If you have questions or concerns relating to this notice, please feel free to contact your REB office or me. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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