



Creating a Human Research Ethics Protocol in RAS – A Companion Guide: Deception Tab

The purpose of this Guide is to clarify questions that appear in the Research Administration System ethics protocol form under the Deception tab and to provide additional tips in completing your protocol. Not all questions in RAS are included in the Guide as not all questions require further clarification. Refer to this Guide as you craft your responses.

The text in **black** is the question as worded in the RAS system. The text in **green** clarifies what the Research Ethics Board (REB) is looking for.

NOTE: As you move through the tabs, you will see a number of “Yes” or “No” questions. Your responses may open additional tabs or text boxes which require your attention. If you change your answer to the “Yes” or “No” questions, these additional tabs or text boxes may disappear. Any responses you entered will not be saved.

TIP: Read all the questions before completing the application. Only respond to the question being asked in each text box. This prevents duplication of information and ensures consistent responses throughout the protocol.

As the system’s text boxes do not allow for formatting, we recommend using spacing and capital letters to create headings.

DECEPTION TAB:

Summary	Research Personnel	Participants	Consent Process	Data	Deception	Risks/Benefits	Dissemination/Withdrawing	Attachments
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- Provide detailed information on the extent and nature of deception and why the research could not be conducted without it. This description must be sufficient to justify a waiver of informed consent.
 - More information on deception can be found in the TCPS 2 in [Chapter 3](#).
- How will debriefing be provided to participants?
 - Examples may include via email, verbal communication, or a write up at the end of a survey.
- When and by whom?
 - At what time in the study will participants be debriefed? Will it occur directly after participating? Participants should be debriefed as soon as possible.
 - Who will be debriefing? Specify the individual(s) and ensure they are listed on the personnel table.