Research Personnel Definitions for RAS – Fort Garry

- **Principal investigator**
  - The Principal Investigator is responsible for the overall conduct of research. This includes being responsible for complying with the study protocol, TCPS 2 (2022), applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans.

- **Co-Principal Investigator**
  - Co-Principal Investigators share overall responsibility for research with the Principal Investigator. This includes being responsible for complying with the study protocol, TCPS 2 (2022), applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans.

- **Advisor/Supervisor**
  - There are cases in which students function as Principal Investigators (PIs) in research involving humans. Every student must have an advisor/supervisor. Advisors/Supervisors guide student PIs in adhering to the study protocol, TCPS 2 (2022), applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans. Advisors/Supervisors share the same responsibilities for research as Principal Investigators. An advisor/supervisor must review and approve of the student submissions in the Research Administration System before it can proceed to Research Ethics Board review.

- **Committee Member**
  - Committee members are here defined as members of graduate student advisory committees. Committee members may guide student PIs in adhering to the study protocol, TCPS 2 (2022), applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans.

- **Co-Investigator**
  - Co-Investigators make contributions to a research project but are not tasked with the overall responsibility for and authority over the project. While co-investigators, do not have overall responsibility for research projects, they are expected to comply with the protocol, applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures.
• Study Coordinator
  
  ▪ Study Coordinators manage research projects such as administrative and/or research activities. While study coordinators, do not have overall responsibility for research projects, they are expected to comply with the protocol, applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures.

• Research Assistant
  
  ▪ Research Assistants support research projects by engaging in research activities. While research assistants, do not have overall responsibility for research projects, they are expected to comply with the protocol, applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures.

• Research Nurse
  
  ▪ Research Nurses facilitate contact between researchers and patients /participants. Research nurses support the care and ethical treatment of patients during clinical trials in accordance with the study protocol, TCPS 2 (2022), applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans.

• Lab Technician
  
  ▪ Lab technicians are involved in all aspects of laboratory and/or fieldwork such as recording data, maintaining equipment, and keeping labs organized. They are responsible for adhering to the study protocol, TCPS 2, applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures as it pertains to the ethical conduct for research involving humans.

• Contact Person
  
  ▪ The Contact Person in research is the individual who is tasked with the responsibility of providing information about the research study to relevant stakeholders. While a contact person, does not have overall responsibility for research projects, they are expected to comply with the protocol, applicable legislation, regulations, and institutional policies and procedures.