Timeline for Human Research Ethics Delegated Review

Pre-Review Process:
- This administrative review typically takes one week.

The Human Ethics Office (HEO) receives the protocol from the researcher.

REB Review Process:
- The REB review can take between three to six weeks.
- The HEO sends the protocol back to the researcher with administrative feedback.
- The protocol is sent to REB members for ethics review.
- Once the Chair completes their review, the protocol is either sent back to the researcher with REB feedback or approved.
- The Chair either approves the protocol or sends it back to the researcher with additional feedback.

Revision Process:
- This process may continue until the Chair is satisfied that the protocol meets all ethical requirements and ethics approval is granted.

The HEO sends the protocol to the Chair.

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The Human Ethics Office sends the protocol to the Chair.

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The Human Ethics Office conducts a pre-review to ensure that the protocol is complete and consistent.

The researcher addresses the pre-review comments and sends the protocol back to the Human Ethics Office.

Once REB members complete their review, the protocol is sent to the REB Chair to consolidate and finalize feedback or grant ethics approval.

If revisions are required, the researcher sends the revised protocol back to the Human Ethics Office.

See our website for more information.

REB approval applies to the ethical acceptability of the research and does not, in itself, constitute authorization for the research to proceed (TCPS 2, Article 6.3, Application).

Please consider consultations and other approvals that may be required before you start your research. It is strongly suggested that any other approval processes are started before submitting to the REB for ethics review.