

# Research Ethics Pathways for NOSM U Researchers: Thunder Bay Campus

Understanding the REB Process

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# Determining Your REB Application Pathway



Are you doing research with human participants under your NOSM U Affiliation?

There are two pathways available:

**Pathway #1:** Through the LakeheadU/TBRHSC Reciprocity process

**Pathway #2:** Directly to LakeheadU

*Your pathway depends on the content  
of your research project.*

# Pathway #1

## LakeheadU/TBRHSC Reciprocity Process



Does your research involve any of the following:

- Involves personal health information (PHI) held by the TBRHSC
- Uses TBRHSC medical facilities or equipment
- Investigates the clinical efficacy and safety of an investigational product
- Evaluates health-related interventions on health outcomes
- Is deemed a clinical trial
- Involves the use of TBRHSC resources (staff, patients, data, space)

If **YES** to *any* of the above criteria, you must apply through the **LakeheadU/TBRHSC reciprocity process**.

Complete the [Project Intake Form](#)

Submit to: [research.ethics@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:research.ethics@lakeheadu.ca)

# Pathway #1 (continued)



The LU and TBRHSC REB offices will determine your **REB of Record** and guide you to the correct application.

Your project may require Institutional Approval from TBRHSC prior to initiating research activities. The application for TBRHSC Institutional Approval is available through TBRHSC's Research Portal. You will be advised of this at the application stage.

## Once REB approval in place:

- Your project will be shared with the non-reviewing REB office.
- Non-reviewing REB accepts the approval.

# Pathway #2

## Directly to LakeheadU REB



For: Research not covered by Pathway #1

Submit your research project directly to the LakeheadU REB through our Romeo Portal.

Approval:

Your project will be reviewed by the LakeheadU REB for approval, and LakeheadU REB will be the REB of Record.

# Ongoing Management



The REB of Record will oversee the ongoing management of your project.

- This includes requests for: amendments renewals, continuing review, serious adverse events, or final reports.

## **Research Funding:**

If there is research funding associated with the project and the funding is held at LakeheadU or NOSMU, once REB approval is in place by the REB of Record, funding will be released.



# Questions?



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