

ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS REVIEW:
SURVIVING THE ETHICS APPROVAL PROCESS UNSCATHED

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ABSTRACT:

AS A RESEARCH INSTITUTION THAT RECEIVES AND ADMINISTERS FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RESEARCH, ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY IS BOUND TO ADHERE TO THE TRI-COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMANS (TCPS2). CERTAINLY, OUR DUTY TO CONDUCT ETHICAL RESEARCH GOES BEYOND MERELY A REQUIREMENT TO ADHERE TO A POLICY....IT IS OUR DESIRE AS RESEARCHERS AND AS AN INSTITUTION TO ENSURE THE PROPER, ETHICAL TREATMENT OF HUMAN PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH. WE KNOW FROM HISTORY THAT THIS WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE AND THAT IN SOME INSTANCES, GREAT HARM WAS PERPETRATED BY RESEARCHERS ON THOSE THEY STUDIED.

THIS PRESENTATION WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES THAT INFORM THE REVIEW OF RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMANS AT ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY AND PROVIDE A PRACTICAL OVERVIEW OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM—THE RESEARCH PORTAL. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD GAIN AN APPRECIATION FOR THE CORE PRINCIPLES IN THE TCPS2—THE RESPECT FOR PERSONS, CONCERN FOR WELFARE, AND JUSTICE, AS WELL AS GARNER SOME USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU IN ARTICULATING YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT THROUGH THE APPLICATION FOR ETHICAL APPROVAL.