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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Saint Mary's University Policy on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans</b>
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**Preamble:**

Saint Mary's University values scientific research and believes that research involving humans as participants should balance the need for scientific inquiry with the need to protect the welfare of participants. Committed to the advancement of knowledge and the training of students, Saint Mary's University promotes good research and recognizes that ethical research is an integral part of scientific inquiry. Saint Mary's University endorses the principles of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans 2 (2014 and subsequent revisions and amendments; hereafter referred to as the TCPS2). The Saint Mary's University Research Ethics Board (REB) applies the principles of the TCPS2 and outlines provisions designed to promote ethical research.

**Purpose:**

The Saint Mary's University REB is a committee of the Faculty of Research and Graduate Studies and the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Research. It was established under the provisions of the TCPS2 to ensure that research carried out by Saint Mary's University researchers, or research involving members of the SMU community (e.g., full and part-time faculty, adjunct professors, students, administrators, employees and other persons holding appointments by the Board of Governors), adheres to the TCPS2 as well as any applicable laws, university policies, and REB procedures.

The REB provides a service to the Saint Mary's University community by working with researchers to identify and resolve ethical issues in their research with the goal of protecting the interests of participants, maximizing the expected benefits of the research, and minimizing potential harms to participants. The REB is empowered to clear, reject, propose modifications to, suspend, or terminate research projects that involve human participants and that fall under the jurisdiction of Saint Mary's

