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RE: REB Requirements for Student Research and Pedagogical Activities

Dear Colleagues,

Western offers many university courses that include class projects and activities designed to help students develop research skills. These projects may be carried out by individual students, small groups or as single class projects. The Office of Human Research Ethics (OHRE) has developed a guidance document that provides an overview of these student activities and associated procedures for ethical oversight when these activities involve human participants (including data and/or biological materials).

We encourage each faculty to review this guidance document and to develop your own internal processes for ensuring REB requirements are met.

The OHRE is in the process of developing an application form for course-based pedagogical projects (see attached guidance document, projects considered to be under Category 2) ,which will be available by January 2020.

As a result, **beginning January 2020, all pedagogical project considered to fall within Category 2, as per the guidance document, will be required to submit a pedagogical application form to the OHRE.** All projects considered research are still subject to standard REB oversight and will require a standard REB application form. This will continue as usual, as this process is already in place.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at ethics@uwo.ca or 519-661-3036.

Sincerely,



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