

Research Ethics Board (REB): Terms of Reference

1. Mandate and Role of the Committee

Reporting to the Research Committee, the Research Ethics Board (REB) provides an ethics review, and/or consultation, to any proposed or ongoing research, by members of the AUArts community involving human participants, directly or indirectly, funded or unfunded, prior to its commencement. The REB also functions as both an advisory and educative committee for creative practice projects involving human participants and/or live animals. The REB review process is guided by the three TCPS 2 core principles: respect for persons, concern for welfare, and justice.

2. Areas of Responsibility

- a. Reviews, advises on, and disseminates best ethical practices regarding proposed and on going, creative practice projects.
- b. Ensures that research performed by faculty, staff, and students at the Alberta University of the Arts is conducted in accordance with the ethical standards outlined in:
 - Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans -TCPS 2 Canada Council on Animal Care
 - College Art Association: Use of Animal Subjects in Art

3. Composition

Voting

Members

The REB shall consist of at least five (5) voting members, appointed by the Vice President, Academic :

- i. Chair will be an academic staff member who has expertise in relevant research disciplines, fields and methodologies covered by the REB;
- ii. Vice Chair will be an academic staff member who has expertise in relevant research disciplines, fields and methodologies covered by the REB;
- iii. One (1) academic staff member who is knowledgeable in ethics;
- iv. One (1) member (internal/external) who is knowledgeable in the relevant law; and
- v. One (1) member who has no affiliation with the institution, appointed at the discretion of the Vice President, Academic in consultation with the REB Committee.

Non-Voting Members

- i. One (1) undergraduate or graduate student, appointed by the AUArts Students' Association

4. Absence of the Chair

In the event that the Chair is unable to attend a specific meeting, then the Chair may either designate a voting member to chair the meeting.

5. Quorum

At least 50% of the voting members of the committee, plus one.

6. Delegated Authority from the Board of Governors

- i. Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed by the Vice President, Academic, Internationalization and Graduate Studies and will hold the position for 3 years, renewable.
- ii. Academic Staff terms will be for two (2) years, renewable.
- iii. Student terms will be for one (1) academic year, renewable.

7. Responsibilities Additional to Delegated Authority

The REB submits a report of activities to the Vice President, Academic at the end of the Fall and Winter terms.

8. Links

- [Canada Council on Animal Care College Art Association: Use of Animal Subjects in Art](#)

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