

Application Form for Membership on an HREC of the Human Research Ethics Committee (Tasmania) Network

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Contact phone (daytime) _____ Mobile: _____

Email address _____

Note: All members must have email access for the purposes of the administration of the committees

I wish to be considered for:

Please check to appropriate committee(s). If you wish to be considered for both committees, please indicate your preference.

Tasmania **Health & Medical** Human Research Ethics Committee

Tasmania **Social Science** Human Research Ethics Committee

In the following category:

Please check the appropriate category. If you wish to be considered for more than one category, please indicate your preference.

Category (b) Lay man

Category (b) Lay woman

Category (c) A member with current experience in professional care, counselling or treatment of people

Category (d) A Minister of religion or person who performs a similar role:

“Religious person of any faith with moral training and experience in pastoral care. A minister of religion is included among the required membership of an HREC as a person who holds the importance of humanity and human life above all else. Experience in pastoral care is not an attribute that can readily be filled by another category of membership (for example, ethicist, oral philosopher). However, it is recognised that there are cultural equivalents (for example, Aboriginal elders) and that the category should not be so narrowly defined as to only include ordained people.”

Category (e) Lawyer

Category (f) A member with knowledge of, and current experience in, the areas of research that are regularly considered by the HREC

Please provide a **written expression of interest** (1-2 pages) addressing the following points:

- **Qualifications.** Appropriate, relevant qualifications for categories c, d, e and f are required. For laypersons, post-secondary educational qualifications are desirable but not essential.
- **Work experience.** Current and previous, including voluntary work.
- **Board/committee experience and community involvement.** Give details on current or past membership of business, professional or community organisations and positions held.
- **Statement in support of expression of interest.** Please address the following questions:

Why does this position interest you?

How do you feel you can contribute to the committee?

Do you have the ability to contribute confidently to discussion in a small group setting?

Do you have knowledge of human research (health medical, psychological, social) and ethical issues (including familiarity with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans*) or do you have the desire and ability to acquire such knowledge and skills?

Are you available to attend monthly meetings and to prepare adequately for these meetings?

Do you have regular access to email and internet?

Is there any other information relevant to your application?

Please attach a copy of your resume/curriculum vitae to your application.

If your application is successful, you will be required to provide:

- proof of identity (e.g. a photocopy of your drivers licence); and
- a completed statutory declaration under the Oats Act 2001 stating you have not been convicted, in Tasmania, or elsewhere, of a crime or violence, a sex related offence, a crime involving dishonesty or any other crime or offence punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding 12 months OR a record of conviction.

Selection of Membership will be undertaken by a Selection Committee and due consideration will be given to the current composition of the Committees as well as the need for stability and the effective functioning of the Human Research Ethics Committee (Tasmania) Network.

Applications must be received by COB on Friday 20 March 2009. Applications should be sent to the following address. Email applications are acceptable:

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If you have any questions about your application, or about the Human Research Ethics Committee (Tasmania) Network, please contact the Executive Officer, Jen Bruyn Schmidt on the above numbers