

## ***Make a difference for Tasmania***

Expressions of interest are sought for membership to the University of Tasmania [Human Research Ethics Committee](#) (HREC). The role of the HREC is to ensure research has merit and reflects the ethical values of justice, beneficence and respect for humans, and is acceptable to the Australian community in accordance with the NHMRC [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#) (the National Statement).

The HREC is governed by the University of Tasmania, the sole University operating for Tasmania. The University of Tasmania operates to serve the interests of the state by governing and facilitating research that makes a difference for and from Tasmania, to make Tasmania more prosperous, equitable and sustainable.

Human research is conducted with or about people, their data or tissue. The HREC also reviews research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and their data.

### **About the role:**

If you are eager to make a contribution to Tasmania by promoting and advocating for excellent and ethical human research, express your interest to join the HREC as a **category B (Layperson)** member.

Under the National Statement, the **category B (Layperson)** member is a person who has no affiliation with the institution and does not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work.

The **category B (Layperson)** member will typically attend 1-2 meetings per month, of approximately 2 hours duration, plus allocate a time to preparation (reading and reviewing applications).

### **Each member should:**

- Become familiar with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*
- Prepare for and attend scheduled meetings

***To apply, please see the attached application form and instructions.***

## Application Form for Membership University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee

I wish to be considered for membership of the University of Tasmania [Human Research Ethics Committee](#) as a **category B (Layperson)** member:

*A person who has no affiliation with the institution and does not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***All members must have email access for the purposes of the administration of the committee.***

Please send the completed application form, along with the below, to [Human.Ethics@utas.edu.au](mailto:Human.Ethics@utas.edu.au):

1. A copy of your resume
2. A written expression of interest (1-2 pages) outlining:
  - Your interest in the role, skills, capabilities and experience
  - Your qualifications that are relevant for **category B (Layperson)** membership
  - Your current and previous work experience, including voluntary work
  - Your board/committee experience and community involvement (membership of business, professional or community organisations and positions held)
  - Your ability to contribute confidently to discussion in a small group setting
  - Your knowledge of animal research and ethical issues and/or the ability to acquire such knowledge and skills

***Selection of membership will be undertaken by a Selection Committee. Due consideration will be given to the current composition of the Committee, as well as the need for stability and the effective functioning of the HREC.***