

## When Is Research Ethics Review Required?

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The purpose of this document is to act as a guide in determining whether your research requires Research Ethics Review. If you have any questions or are at all unsure if your project requires review, please contact [research@CambrianCollege.ca](mailto:research@CambrianCollege.ca).

### No review required: (proceed with your project)

- **No human participants** or **No data related to human participants** (*e.g., analysis of mineral samples*)
- **Publicly available information** with no expectation of privacy (*e.g., interviews on public record*)
- **Evaluation as a part of standard college operations** (*e.g., staff performance reviews*)
- **Standard college quality assurance processes** (*e.g., Program improvement processes such as KPI surveys, course evaluations, program review focus groups*)
- **Naturalistic Observation** where individuals have no expectation of privacy and there is no intervention or interaction with participants (*e.g., public meetings*)

### Research ethics review is required prior to commencing research:

- **Human participants** or **Data from or about people other than for standard quality assurance processes** (*e.g., surveys, focus groups, interviews, data from medical/legal records, etc.*)
- **Publication (planned or reasonably likely)** of any of the above except research without human participants.
- **External organization or researcher** involving any college resource in any respect with research involving human participants, data from them, or about them.
- **Use of Secondary Data** involving identifiable information that was originally collected for another purpose.