New TCPS2: CORE-2022 Announcement

From the Office of Research Ethics and the Chair of the Research Ethics Board

Dear Research Community:

The Office of Research Ethics and the Chair of the Research Ethics Board are announcing to the University of Windsor research community that a new version of the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2: Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE) has officially been released. Those who have taken TCPS1 and/or TCPS2 training in the past will notice similarities to the structure of the course, and some changes as well.

The new modules are based on the current TCPS2 2018 policy (see https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique_tcps2-eptc2_2018.html for English and https://ethics.gc.ca/fra/policy-politique_tcps2-eptc2_2018.html for French) and reflect updated changes. The Panel on Research Ethics (PRE) notes there are 9 training modules in the TCPS2: CORE-2022 training and each is followed by a quiz with 4-5 knowledge testing questions. New to the certification is that upon completion of the modules there is a 25 question knowledge consolidation exercise. In order to successfully obtain the CORE-2022 Certificate of Completion, respondents must correctly answer 20 of the 25 questions.

The following is a list of the self-paced modules. These can be taken all at once or over multiple sessions, but all modules must be completed before the 25 question consolidation exercise can be attempted.

• Module A1 – Introduction

• Module A2 – Scope of TCPS 2

• Module A3 – Risks and Benefits

• Module A4 – Consent

• Module A5 – Fairness and Equity

• Module A6 – Privacy and Confidentiality

• Module A7 – Conflicts of Interest

• Module A8 – Research Ethics Board Review

• Module A9 – Research Involving Indigenous Peoples

• Knowledge Consolidation Exercise

The PRE estimates that it will take approximately four (4) hours to complete the TCPS2: CORE-2022 course.

For researchers who may have been in progress for completing an earlier version of the TCPS2: CORE training (i.e.: pre-TCPS2: CORE-2022), but did not yet complete it, you must now start and complete the new course to receive your certificate as the previous course does not contain the new material in the

TCPS2: CORE-2022. Researchers who have an earlier version of the TCPS2 (or TCPS1) certificate who wish to conduct research involving humans must also now complete the new training and submit the new TCPS2: CORE-2022 Certificate of Completion along with their applications to the Office of Research Ethics in order to move forward with Research Ethics Board Review. In order to facilitate the transition, the Office of Research Ethics will continue to accept the earlier version of the TCPS2 (not TCPS1) until December 31st, 2022 and will no longer accept pre-TCPS2: CORE-2022 certificates effective January 1st, 2023.

The Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research (the Secretariat) administers the TCPS2: CORE-2022 and can be of assistance if need be. More information is available about the new training including access to the login page here https://tcps2core.ca/welcome. Additional questions about the tutorial should be directed to the Secretariat at secretariat@srcr-scrr.gc.ca.

Please note that should researchers attempt to print an older version of their TCPS2, it does update with the "TCPS2: CORE-2022" title, but will still reflect the original completion date of the older version. The new completion date will be reflected once the final knowledge consolidation exercise is successfully completed.

Any additional questions not able to be resolved by the Secretariat should be addressed to the Office of Research Ethics at ethics@uwindsor.ca.