

COMPASS



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COMPASS is a guide to the evolving *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS). It aims to inform the public and update members of Canada's research community on the Panel's progress and the evolution of the TCPS.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) invite nominations of potential members, with knowledge of or experience in the ethics of research involving humans, to serve on the Panel. The closing date for nominations is September 18, 2009.

CONSULTATION CONCLUDES

Public consultation on the draft 2nd edition of the TCPS officially ended June 30, 2009. The Panel anticipates the release of a revised version to the public for further comment in December after which there will be a 60-day written comment period.

JUST THE FACTS

CHAIR'S COLUMN



The Panel greatly appreciates the depth and breadth of the comments received on the draft 2nd edition of the TCPS. Over 220 individuals and groups from across the country and from a broad range of disciplines have provided submissions. This adds to the direct feedback from well over a thousand people who participated in conferences, face-to-face consultations, meetings, web casts and teleconferences.

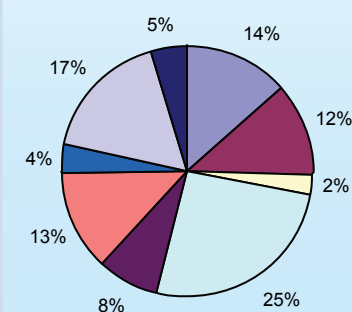
We now have a rich base of comments and suggestions for the revisions which are in progress. As might be expected given the diversity of perspectives and interests in the research community, the many thoughtful comments we received generated, in some cases, divergent proposals for addressing a number of difficult issues. The Panel is committed to using the feedback to provide a revised TCPS which will be as useful a guide as possible for all the research communities it serves.

Thank you for sharing your insights and for your commitment to improving the ethical conduct of human research in Canada. Your feedback will make the TCPS a stronger and more relevant document.

Norman Frohlich

Panel on Research Ethics, Chair

Disciplines represented in the consultation process:



- Behavioural Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Interdisciplinary
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Other



PANEL MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Panel member Michel Bergeron is the recipient of the Université de Montréal's distinguished "*prix Excellence 2009 en bioéthique*" granted to those who have contributed to extraordinary improvements in the field of bioethics on a local, national and international level.

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