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| Title | Ethics and Integrity in Research and Scholarly Activity |
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CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Vancouver Community College (VCC; the College) is committed to supporting, promoting, and developing processes to ensure the highest standards of ethics and integrity in research and scholarly activity.

This policy establishes the principles and procedures that will achieve this aim. This policy also designates responsibility for maintaining these standards and specifies processes for addressing allegations of, and a timely response to, misconduct related to ethics and integrity in research and scholarly activity.

SCOPE AND LIMITS

VCC expects all those conducting research and scholarly activity under the auspices of the College (researchers, faculty, students, technical assistants, administrators, etc.) to adhere to the principles and processes articulated in this policy and accompanying procedures.

STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. The College expects that all research and scholarly activities will be conducted with the highest level of integrity and ethics.
2. Researchers are primarily responsible for maintaining the highest level of integrity and ethics while conducting research and scholarly activity.
3. Misconduct while undertaking research and scholarly activity is unacceptable and may be cause for disciplinary action or sanctions.

DEFINITIONS

Researcher/Investigator: The terms *researcher* and *investigator* are used interchangeably for the purposes of this policy; *researcher/investigator*, for the purposes of this policy, means an individual—a VCC employee (faculty, staff and/or administrators at VCC), student, or other—either paid or volunteering to conduct research or scholarly activity at or through the College.

Research and Scholarly Activity: *Research* and *scholarly activity* refer to an undertaking intended to extend knowledge through a disciplined inquiry or systematic investigation. Scholarly activity includes research; the dissemination of new knowledge through such means as publications, presentations, and exhibitions; and the application of new knowledge in professional practice and student learning.

Research Ethics Board (REB): A decision-making body that reviews research proposals involving human participants to ensure that ethical principles are upheld.

RELATED LEGISLATION & POLICIES

Legislation

Federal Government

Tri-Council Policy Statement 2: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2018)

Policies

- A.3.1 Prevention of Harassment, Discrimination, and Bullying
- A.3.3 Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIPPA)
- A.3.6 Standards of Employee Conduct and Conflict of Interest
- D.4.2 Student Grievance
- D.4.3 Student Code of Conduct (Non-Educational Matters)
- D.4.5 Student Educational Conduct
- F.1.1 Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans
- F.1.3 Conflict of Interest Related to Research

RELATED PROCEDURES

Refer to F.1.2 Ethics and Integrity in Research and Scholarly Activity Procedures

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