**Ontario Colleges Multi-college Ethics Review Process**

**Researcher Agreement**

The Research Ethics Subcommittee of the Colleges Ontario Heads of Applied Research is engaged in new process designed to streamline research ethics review for studies that will be done at more than one Ontario college. To date, colleges participating in this pilot project are Algonquin, Centennial, Fanshawe, Fleming, George Brown, Georgian, Humber, and Sheridan.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wish to submit my proposed research project titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the Multi-College review process.

I acknowledge that I have received the document titled “Ontario Colleges Multi-college Ethics Review” which gives information about the pilot project.

I understand that my submission to the Multi-college Ethics Review Process means that my proposal will be reviewed by members of the Heads of Applied Research subcommittee on Research Ethics Expert Panel (RES-EP), members of which come from Ontario College Research Ethics Boards that are in accordance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement on research ethics (TCPS2).

I understand that the EP lead will be in communication with me to suggest any changes that the Panel feels will increase the ethical acceptability of my proposed research.

I understand that the EP members will communicate with each other and with me through email. The Expert Panel will treat all documents confidentially.

I understand that the Expert Panel will provide me with a letter of recommendation regarding the ethical acceptability of my proposed research. It is then my responsibility to take my application, all supporting documents, and my letter of recommendation to each college at which I wish to conduct the research.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to communicate with the REB or ethics coordinator at each college regarding other college-specific requirements for researchers (e.g. institutional approval).

Although colleges that participate in the multi-college ethics review process have given their support to this process, I understand that the letter of ethical acceptability that I receive from the Expert Panel does not ensure that each college will approve my study, with or without further revisions to my proposed research.

I am aware that I may choose at any time to remove my research ethics review from the Multi-college Ethics Review Process at any time.

Signed and dated by the originating college REB Chair and the researcher.

Researcher signature:

Date: