DUTY STATEMENT

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LAWYER, WHERE POSSIBLE, ONE WHO IS NOT ENGAGED TO ADVISE THE INSTITUTION

The individual will need to have experience and/or an understanding of legal and ethical issues related to the use of humans in research.

1. Duties

   - Review Committee papers
   - Attend each meeting (normally 11 per year, however reserve meetings are a possibility)
   - Provide expert advice and feedback in relation to legal and ethical principles applicable to research involving humans.

2. Selection Criteria

   Essential

   - Good working knowledge and understanding of the legal and ethical principles that are applied to research involving humans.
   - Knowledge of government legislation and guidelines relating to human research and ethics.

   Desirable

   - Practising lawyer with demonstrated experience as Committee member of an Ethics Committee or as a member of an academic/administrative Unit dealing with complex issues.
   - Previous experience in reviewing ethics applications relating to area(s) of research involving humans.

3. Relevant Material


4. Submitting an Application

Applications for membership must include:
- Application letter systematically addressing the Selection Criteria (above)
- A brief Curriculum Vitae

Applications are to be forwarded to:
The Director,
Office for Research
Footscray Park Campus
P O Box 14428
Melbourne VIC 8001
Victoria University

And/or e-mail applications to the Coordinator, Ethics & Biosafety
Anthony.Benka@vu.edu.au