**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**

**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**APPLICATION FOR ETHICAL REVIEW OF RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS:**

**DECLARATION FORM FOR EXTERNAL INVESTIGATORS**

This document must be submitted as an attachment to the online Human Research Ethics Application Form.

All named external project investigators are required to complete this declaration.

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| **RESEARCH PROJECT** | |
| **Project Title:** |  |
| **Primary Chief Investigator:** |  |
| **OFFICE USE: Application ID** | **HRE \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **DECLARATIONS AND SIGNATURES** |
| **I / we, the undersigned, declare the following:**  I / we accept responsibility for the conduct of the research project detailed above in accordance with:   * 1. the principles outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023);   2. the protocols and procedures as approved by the HREC;   3. relevant legislation and regulations.   I / we will ensure that HREC approval is sought using the Changes to the Research Project process outlined on the Human Research Ethics website, if:   1. proposing to implement change to the research project; 2. changes to the research team are required.   I / we have read the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research prior to completing this form.  I / we certify that all members of the research team involved the research project hold the appropriate qualifications, experience, skills and training necessary to undertake their roles.  I / we will provide Annual / Final reports to the approving HREC within 12 months of approval or upon completion of the project if earlier than 12 months.  I / we understand and agree that research documents and / or records and data may be subject to inspection by the VUHREC, Ethics Secretary, or an independent body for audit and monitoring purposes.  I / we understand that information relating to this research, and about the investigators, will be held by VU Research. This information will be used for reporting purposes only and managed according to the principles established in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and relevant laws in the States and Territories of Australia. |

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| **Signature of External Investigator** | | |
| Name: |  | Date: |
| Signature: |  | |

**IMPORTANT**: **Only applications signed by all members of the research team will be considered by the HREC.**