



## Research and Graduate Studies Committee

### Human Ethics Committee

# Guidelines for Multi-Centre Research involving La Trobe University Students and Staff

Based on the significance NHMRC places on the avoidance of duplication of ethics review in the National Statement (2007) [Chapter 5.3], La Trobe University has decided to accept human ethics approvals from other human ethics committees registered with the NHMRC when La Trobe University researchers are involved.

An electronic copy of the approval with a La Trobe University cover sheet outlining the request and identifying the La Trobe University researchers must be submitted to the relevant La Trobe University ethics committee. La Trobe University reserves the right to place conditions on involvement or refuse involvement should approved proposals not conform to the requirements of the National Statement (2007), other relevant legislation or potentially expose the university to undue risk. A formal approval letter will be issued via email. Applicants should allow at least 21 working days for this process.

Where the Chief Investigator is a La Trobe University staff member, primary approval must still be obtained from a La Trobe University human ethics committee using the La Trobe University human ethics application form. Other institutions are expected to follow the recommendations of the National Statement (2007) to accept an approval by a La Trobe University ethics committee. The Chief Investigator must supply approval letters from other institutions to the appropriate UHEC or FHEC.

The possible need to have formal agreements between institutions is currently being investigated.