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REB WEBINAR: DETERMINING LEVEL OF RISK IN RESEARCH

Montreal, December 5, 2023. – On January 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Montreal time), the Association pour la recherche au collégial (ARC) will be holding an online training event on determining the level of risk in research. This REB webinar is intended for Research Ethics Board (REB) members and those who coordinate REB activities.

Although the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS 2, 2022) provides a definition of minimal risk, the understanding, interpretation and evaluation of this concept raises many questions. For example, how do you determine the magnitude and probability of a risk? What are “harms [...] implied by participation in the research”? The webinar will open with a presentation on the types of risk involved in research, be they psychological, physical, social or of any other nature, and on the definition of minimal risk. A three-person panel of ethics experts will then be available to answer questions on the concept of risk in research. Lastly, two case studies will be analyzed by the same experts, and registered participants will be invited to take part in the discussions.

ARC has set up a community of practice to provide members and coordinators of college research ethics boards (REBs) an opportunity to develop professionally and make contacts. The upcoming January 17 webinar will allow them to hone their skills while building the bond of trust that must exist between them. REB members and those who coordinate REB activities can register for this session by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/PGGZZSw161BMc8t48>.

Note that discussions with the resource persons can be held in both English and French. Note also that in order to encourage an open discussion and full participation, the session will not be available for offline viewing after it has ended. Individuals from [institutions](#) that make a contribution to ARC will be allowed to participate free of charge. Otherwise, the fees are outlined in the [fee schedule](#).

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