

Requisition for Ethics Review - Industry (For-Profit) Sponsored Research Fee Guidelines

REB Administration Fee for Industry Sponsored Protocols

IWK Research & Innovation Advancement (RIA) and the IWK Research Ethics Board (REB) are pleased to support investigators in their research to find innovative solutions to pressing health care issues, building a healthier population and a more efficient health care system.

In recent years, the workload of the REB has increased dramatically, the complexity has grown and requests for amendments to protocols are more frequent. The extent of review and monitoring of research protocols is defined by national guidelines such as the [Canadian Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans](#), [Health Canada ICH-GCP guidelines](#), and the [US Office for Human Research Protections](#), and are in place to protect both research participants and investigators. To adhere to regulatory requirements and provide appropriate review to clinician/investigators and sponsors, investment in the research ethics review process is required.

The Ethics Review Fee was implemented to support this investment and applies to research sponsored by industry or for-profit organizations.

Research Sponsored by Industry or For-Profit Organizations

The fee for ethical review applies to research that receives its funding from an industry sponsor (i.e. pharmaceutical/medical devices company) or other for-profit organization.

The fee for ethical review at the IWK Health Centre is \$4,000.00 for full board review (studies above minimal risk).

The fee for minimal risk projects that meet the criteria of Delegated Review is \$4,000.00.

The fee covers the initial ethical review of a new project.

The *REB Requisition for Ethics Review - Industry Sponsored Research* (found [here](#)) should be completed and must accompany submission for REB review. The RIA Finance office will invoice the sponsor directly and will maintain responsibility for follow-up as required.

Specifically, the fee applies to:

1. research that receives its funding from an industry sponsor (i.e. pharmaceutical/medical devices company or an agent thereof)
2. research that receives a grant-in-aid from an industry sponsor where the sponsor may sublicense or share the data back from the researcher

Ongoing Review

The fee for ongoing review applies to research that receives its funding from an industry sponsor.

The fee for review of amendments is \$250.00.

The fee for annual REB maintenance (annual renewal) is \$500.

Fee Waiver Criteria

The following types of funding are excluded from the fee requirement:

1. National Cancer Institute of Canada Clinical Trials Group
2. Grant from a non-profit organization, for example, CIHR, NIH or a cancer-specific foundation
3. IWK internal grants

The fee may be waived in other circumstances if requested in writing with an explanation.