

Position: **Legal Representative – Joint Research Ethics Board**

Location: Remote

Assignment: Volunteer Appointment (2-Year Term)

Start Date: Flexible – Renewable

The Joint Research Ethics Board (JREB) is a collaborative initiative of Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Abilities Centre, and Grandview Kids. It is responsible for reviewing the ethical acceptability of human research conducted across the partner institutions, in accordance with the **Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2, 2022)**.

Ontario Shores, Abilities Centre, and Grandview Kids are committed to diversity and inclusion, and welcomes and encourages applications from all persons, including but not limited to persons with disabilities, racialized and Indigenous persons, persons of any gender identity and sexual orientation, and newcomers. We provide variations and accommodations at all stages of the employment and are committed to improving our process to be more accessible and equitable.

We understand that no one will ever meet all the qualifications or feel fully confident in performing all the duties outlined below. However, aside from the qualifications that say **required** (bolded for emphasis), please do not let any other qualification or duty discourage you from applying. If you would like additional information about the opportunity before applying, please email Imama Noor at inoor@abilitiescentre.org.

The Position:

As the **Legal Representative**, you will serve as a core voting member of the JREB. Your primary responsibility will be to review submissions to the board using your expertise in Canadian law—especially as it relates to health, privacy, and human rights. In addition to reviewing submissions, and participating in meetings, you may be asked to provide feedback on other tasks of the JREB, such as the creation of new templates or policies. This is a volunteer position. There will be no compensation for this role.

What You'll Do:

- You will attend JREB meetings (~ 8 per year; virtual).
- You will review assigned submissions and contribute to the **ethical, legal, and scientific assessment** of human participant research.

- You will participate in deliberations and **decision-making** regarding submissions.
- You will flag legal implications, risks, or concerns related to **participant consent, data protection, privacy, and institutional compliance**.
- You will collaborate with a **multidisciplinary board** to uphold rigorous ethical standards.
- You will contribute to improvements in **board policies and processes** when appropriate.

What You'll Bring:

- **To be eligible for this opportunity, you cannot be currently employed as legal counsel or risk manager for Ontario Shores, Abilities Centre, or Grandview Kids.**
- **You are required to have legal training**, with demonstrated knowledge of Canadian law as it relates to health, privacy, or human subjects research.
- **You are required to have** or be willing to obtain **TCPS 2 certification** (ethics certification).
- You will bring a commitment to the values and principles outlined in TCPS 2 (2022).
- You will have prior experience with research ethics boards (REB) or legal work in research contexts – this is considered an asset but is not required.

How to Apply:

- Please email your CV/Resume and (optionally) a short cover letter to inoor@abilitiescentre.org with the subject line: 'JREB Legal Representative Application'.