**RESEARCHER AGREEMENT**

**for**

**Ontario Colleges Expert Panel Review Process**

The Research Ethics Subcommittee of the Colleges Ontario Heads of Applied Research is engaged in new process designed to streamline research ethics review for studies that will be done at multiple Ontario colleges.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wish to submit my proposed research project titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the Expert Panel review process.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Expert Panel (EP) review process which gives information about the pilot project.

I understand that my submission to the EP means that my proposal will be reviewed by members of the Heads of Applied Research subcommittee on Research Ethics Expert Panel (RES-EP), members of which come from Ontario College Research Ethics Boards that are in accordance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement on research ethics (TCPS2).

I understand that the EP members will communicate with each other through email. The Expert Panel will treat all documents confidentially.

I understand that the EP lead will be in communication with me to suggest any changes that the Panel feels will increase the ethical acceptability of my proposed research.

I understand that the EP will provide me with a letter of recommendation regarding the ethical acceptability of my proposed research.

It is then my responsibility to send my application, all supporting documents, and my letter of recommendation to each college at which I wish to conduct the research.

I understand that the letter of ethical acceptability that I receive from the EP does not ensure that each college will approve my study, with or without further revisions to my proposed research and it is my responsibility to communicate with the REB or ethics coordinator at each college regarding other college-specific requirements for researchers (e.g. institutional approval).

I am aware that I may choose at any time to remove my research ethics review from the Expert Panel review process.

Researcher signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_