

Volunteer Opportunity

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED – COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER?

A community member is someone who is not currently affiliated with Dalhousie University and is therefore arm-length from the university. The primary role of the community member is to represent the perspective of the research participant during the ethical review process.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

Every month you will read research proposals (usually 2 or 3) from faculty and student researchers, making note about any ethical concerns. You will attend monthly meetings at which you will have your review and contribute to the ethical deliberation of the board.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The time commitment is normally 4-6 hours in the first half of each month. This includes a monthly meeting of approximately 3 hours and reading before the meeting (1-3 hours)

in the 10 days before the scheduled meeting. The meeting times are scheduled approximately in advance and the meeting date and time are firm. However, the preparatory work can be completed a year in advance in the 10 days prior to the meeting.

Normally, board members are appointed once a year term.

WHAT ARE THE MEETING TIMES?

Monthly meeting times are either:

Friday afternoon (12:30-3:30 p.m.) (Health Science)

Wednesday morning (9-11:30 a.m.) (Social Science & Humanities)

There are no meetings in August.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

You should be comfortable reading, writing and speaking English.

You must be willing to learn about research ethics standards and to apply them to the ethical review of research projects.

You must be willing to contribute collegially at meetings.

You must have access to a computer and internet and be able to read and communicate through online

