

## CERTIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE

This section is to be completed by the institution's committee for the surveillance and monitoring of standards of ethics for research in which human subjects and/or animal subjects are involved. The term "subject" for purposes of this review, refers to any person or animal who is used as a source of raw or unformulated data in the conduct of research.

The Massage Therapy Foundation supports the principle that, in any research undertaking, the rights and integrity of human and animal subjects take precedence over the need to conduct research. The Massage Therapy Foundation recognizes that it is not itself vested with any authority to decide, on behalf of the public, when a subject's rights may be superseded by the need for research. However, as a trustee of public funds, the Massage Therapy Foundation has a responsibility to ensure that the activities it supports respect the rights of the public it serves.

Accordingly the Massage Therapy Foundation requires that all research involving human or animal subjects be approved by the ethics review committee of the institution by which the principal researcher is employed (or if the applicant is a private scholar, that equivalent proof of meeting ethics standards be provided).

The committee will be expected to monitor the research project in order to ensure that, over its duration, it continues to meet appropriate standards of ethics. Membership of the ethics review committee is expected to be broadly based and should include individuals from both within and without the applicant's department and discipline who have no association with the research.

In the space below, the composition of the committee should be indicated (though not necessarily the names of the members). This section should be dated and signed by 1) the committee chairperson, and 2) the applicant's department head or a representative of the institution.

This form must be submitted to the Massage Therapy Foundation prior to the Grant award. Receipt of this completed form will be interpreted as confirmation that the proposed research meets the necessary standards of ethics. However, the Massage Therapy Foundation reserves the right of final judgement where circumstances warrant.

This is to certify that the institutional Ethics Review Committee of \_\_\_\_\_ has examined  
(Name of Institution)  
the Research Proposal submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ entitled \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant) (Title of Research)  
and concludes that, in all respects, the proposed research meets appropriate standards of ethics as outlined by the  
Massage Therapy Foundation.

### **Members of the Committee**

Name (optional)	Position Held	Department or Discipline
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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chairperson

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Department Head or Institutional Representative