



CERTIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS REVIEW

This section is to be completed by the Department Head, Institutional Representative or Grant Administrator of the institution's 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that it is not itself vested with any authority to decide, on behalf of the public, when a subject's rights may be superseded by the need for research.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 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/panel/authority 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 Department Head, Institutional Representative or Grant Administrator will be expected to monitor the research project in order to ensure that, over its duration, it continues to meet appropriate standards of ethics. He/She/They is/are expected to be broadly based and could include individuals from either within or without the applicant's department and discipline who have no association with the research.

This form must be submitted to the Massage Therapy Foundation at the time of the application submission.

This is to certify that _____ of (name of Institution) _____ has examined the Research Proposal submitted by (Principal Investigator) _____ entitled _____ and concludes that, in all respects, the proposed research meets appropriate standards of ethics as outlined by the Massage Therapy Foundation.

Date

Department Head, Institutional representative or Grant Administrator