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# Human Research Ethics Policy

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<b>Linked policies</b>	HREC Terms of Reference
<b>Linked forms and documents</b>	Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) Guidelines and Procedures HREC Application form

## 1. Purpose of this policy

The Cairnmillar Institute (the Institute) aims to ensure that all human research is undertaken with respect, integrity, honesty and professionalism according to Institute values.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to research undertaken by the Institute staff, students or honorary associates.
- 2.2 According to the National Statement<sup>1</sup>, human research refers to any research conducted with or about people, their tissue, or their data. Human research can include human involvement in any of the following:

- a) Taking part in surveys, interviews, and focus groups
- b) Undergoing psychological, physiological, or medical testing or treatment
- c) Being observed by researchers
- d) Researchers having access to their personal documents or other material
- e) The collection and use of their body organs tissues, fluid or exhaled breath
- f) Access to their information (in individually identifiable, re-identifiable or non-identifiable form), as part of an existing published or unpublished source or database

<sup>1</sup> *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2018*

### 3. Policy

- 3.1 The institute will uphold its core values and commitment to a culture of integrity and good conduct in the development and undertaking of human research by:
  - a) Ensuring that the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), a standing committee of the Institute is constituted according to the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#) (NSECHR)
  - b) Reviewing an annual report prepared by the HREC
- 3.2 The HREC will:
  - a) ensure that any human research undertaken by the Institute staff, students or honorary associates is designed and conducted in accordance with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#); and is ethically reviewed and monitored in accordance with the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#) (NSECHR)
  - b) Maintain Guidelines and Procedures that inform the working of HREC and are updated according to the current NSECHR

### 4. Resources and References

- [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#)
- [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#)