
BC Cancer Research Ethics Board Fee Policy

The BC Cancer Research Ethics Board (REB) has two fees: initial review and annual renewal fees. REB fees apply to research that is sponsored in whole or in part from a for-profit entity (i.e., pharmaceutical/medical device company or other for-profit organization). **A study is considered to be sponsored if a for-profit entity contributes to the design or conduct of the study; coordinates the study as multi-centered; reimburses the institution for any costs associated with the study; or will have access to, or publish or present data gained from the conduct of the study (this will also apply to a grant-in-aid which is not without conditions).** The protocol, investigator's brochure, and provision of drug/device supplies, contract, etc. will be reviewed by the REB when considering whether fees will apply. It is the responsibility of the local Principal Investigator to ensure that terms relating to payment of REB fees are negotiated and incorporated in relevant agreements (e.g., the Clinical Trial Agreement 'CTA') and budgets. In the event REB fees were not negotiated and/or incorporated in relevant agreements, the PI and/or department will be responsible for paying REB fees.

Fees are waived for the following:

- Studies funded by not-for-profit agencies;
- Studies receiving a grant-in-aid – normally an investigator-initiated study with partial funding with no data returned to the sponsor in any form or manner (e.g., supply of drugs or devices or a very limited amount of funding from an industry sponsor);
- Studies funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- Studies that are BC Cancer investigator initiated.

Initial Review Fee (for-profit sponsored studies only)

This fee covers the cost of the initial review of the new application regardless of the outcome of the review. **For applications to be reviewed at full board REB meetings, the initial review fee must be received prior to the meeting submission deadline – please allow sufficient time for delivery and confirmation of payment.**

Effective **1 September 2025**, the initial review fees are **\$5000 CAD**

Annual Renewal Fee

The annual renewal fee applies to projects that are sponsored in whole or in part from a for-profit entity. This fee covers the cost of the annual renewal and other ongoing oversight for Post Approval Activities “PAAs” such as amendments.

The REB will discontinue annual renewal fees once a "Completion of Study" notice is submitted and acknowledged by the REB in RISE. Until that time, a project must maintain a valid ethics approval, submit a request for renewal annually, and pay the fee.

For those studies submitted for initial ethics review on or after **1 September 2025**, the annual renewal fee will be:

- **\$1500 CAD** for both full board and delegated (i.e. minimal risk) studies.

For those studies initiated **prior to 1 September 2025**, annual renewal fees will be:

- **\$1000 CAD** – studies/contracts initiated/approved from **1 April 2020 to 31 August 2025**.

For those studies initiated **prior to 1 April 2020**, annual renewal fees will be:

- **\$750 CAD** – studies/contracts initiated/approved from **1 September 2015 to 31 March 2020**.

If you have any questions about fees, please contact the BC Cancer Research Ethics Office:
reb@bccancer.bc.ca. Thank you.