

## Cannabis Research Information Sheet for Researchers at Queen's University

On October 17, 2018, cannabis was legalized for recreational use in Canada. This has resulted in changes to federal and provincial legislation, as well as process changes for research involving cannabis. This information sheet can assist researchers in navigating the new legislation, regulations and Queen's University processes involved with conducting cannabis research.

- ✓ All Queen's researchers that are conducting research with cannabis will need to obtain approval from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) prior to the initiation of cannabis research activities. Please refer to the [EH&S website](#) for more details or contact EH&S directly if you will not be working with human participants.
- ✓ If your cannabis research will involve [human participants and/or human biological samples](#), you must apply for [ethics clearance](#) from the appropriate Research Ethics Board (REB) at Queen's University ([GREB/HSREB](#)) OR [Clinical Trials Ontario \(CTO\)](#) OR [Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board – \(OCREB\)](#). The EH&S review is conducted independently from the human participant ethics review process for HSREB/GREB submissions; however the ethics office will try and facilitate EH&S review in conjunction with the ethics review process in [TRAQ](#) (Tools for Research at Queen's). You will need to seek EH&S approval independently if you are using CTO or OCREB as the REB of record.
  - Affiliated Hospital Researchers may also need to seek departmental approval through the submission of a TRAQ DSS form.
- ✓ If human participants will be given cannabis for research purposes, you must submit a [Clinical Trial Application \(CTA\) to Health Canada](#) for the purpose of conducting a clinical trial. You will also need to apply for a [Cannabis Licence from Health Canada](#).
  - Please note that ethics clearance and a No Objection Letter (NOL) from Health Canada are required to obtain a research license.
- ✓ If you will be purchasing, cultivating, analyzing, synthesizing or selling cannabis for research purposes, you need to apply for a [Cannabis Licence from Health Canada](#) and get approval from EH&S.
- ✓ If your cannabis research involves animal models, please see [Animals in Science at Queen's](#) for additional information and contact information.

### Helpful Links:

- [Queen's University Secretariat and Legal Counsel Policy Regarding the Legalization of Cannabis](#)
- [Cannabis Regulations](#)
- [Cannabis Licensing Application Guide \(Health Canada\)](#)
- [Cannabis Act](#)
- [Experimental Studies Certificate \(ESC\) \(Health Canada\)](#)
- [General Cannabis Research and Data Information page \(Health Canada\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet \(Health Canada\)](#)