

Turtle Mountain Research Review Board

New Member Recruitment

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Research Review Board (RRB) is overseen on behalf of the Tribe by **Tribal Nations Research Group (TNRG)**. TNRG supports the administration, coordination, and operation of the RRB and works with the Tribe to ensure that research involving Turtle Mountain lands, Tribal members, resources, data, culture, and community interests is reviewed in accordance with Tribal law, RRB policy, and applicable research-protection standards.

The RRB itself serves as the independent body responsible for reviewing research conducted on Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian lands or involving Tribal members or resources, with the purpose of minimizing potential harms and maximizing potential benefits for participants, families, and the community.

Minimum Requirements

Candidates must:

- Be an **enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians**.
- Have a sincere interest in the activities and responsibilities of the Research Review Board.
- Be willing and able to understand research sufficiently to participate meaningfully in the review process.
- Be able to consider whether proposed research is acceptable under TMBCI regulations, applicable law, ethical standards, and appropriate standards of professional practice.
- Be willing to review research protocols and supporting materials before scheduled RRB meetings.
- Be willing to attend required RRB meetings through an online meeting platform.
- Be willing to complete required training.
- Be able to maintain strict confidentiality regarding research proposals, RRB materials, meeting discussions, and other information obtained through service on the Board.
- Be willing to disclose actual, potential, or apparent conflicts of interest related to research under review.
- Be willing to carry out the responsibilities of RRB membership consistently and reliably.

IF you are interested in serving on the TMBCI Research Review Board please submit your resume or CV, proof of Tribal Enrollment, and the answers to the following questions to Anita Frederick at anita@tnrg.org or mail the application packet to TNRG, PO BOX 1906, Belcourt ND 58316:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Research Review Board?
2. What professional, community, cultural, scientific, or other knowledge would you bring to the RRB?
3. Would you consider your primary background or interests scientific or nonscientific? Please explain.
4. What experience do you have working with or representing the Turtle Mountain community?
5. Do you have experience working with vulnerable populations such as children, elders, people with disabilities, pregnant women, or other populations requiring additional protections?
6. What experience, if any, do you have with research, program evaluation, data, health, education, culture, community programs, or research ethics?
7. Are you comfortable reviewing written research materials before meetings?
8. Can you generally attend meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.?

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9. Are you willing to complete required human-subject protection, cultural sensitivity, and RRB training?
 10. Are you willing and able to maintain strict confidentiality regarding RRB materials and discussions?
 11. Are you willing to disclose potential conflicts of interest and recuse yourself from a review when required?
 12. What do you believe researchers should consider when conducting research involving Turtle Mountain people or the Turtle Mountain community?
 13. What perspective or expertise do you believe is currently important for the RRB to have?
 14. I understand that I will not receive compensation for my service to the Turtle Mountain Research Review Board. Please answer yes or no.

Appointments are made from a list of interested and qualified Tribal enrolled members and in accordance with applicable tribal and OHRP policies. For more information about the TMBCI Research Protection Act visit: [Title 59 Tribal Research Protection Code | Turtle Mountain Law Library](#) or on our website at [Research Review Board | Tribal Nations Research Group](#)

TNRG's oversight and administrative role does not replace the independent review and decision-making authority of the RRB. Research approval, disapproval, required modifications, and other formal RRB determinations remain functions of the Research Review Board under Tribal law and policy.