

Principal Investigator (PI) and Research Team Requirements for Conducting Multi-Jurisdictional Research in British Columbia

Research across multiple institutions will need to meet the requirements of the institutions that you will be working in, or with. Please review the requirements for being a principal investigator and research team composition across the health authorities and secondary institutions within the Research Ethics BC Network.

Always identify the study team members. The PI for the overall study in BC must be a researcher who has approved PI status at the institution leading the study.

Also, research teams must have an employee or contractor or physician from each additional health authority. Please see the detailed requirements broken down below.

Institution	Local PI	Non-local PI	Additional research team requirements for non-local PI	Can students be PI?
C&W	PI is a physician at C&W	PI is UBC or PHSA employed	AND a member on the research team is a C&W employee or physician	No
First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)	PI is a FNHA employee with adjunct status at BC University	Must have FNHA employee as Co-I		No
Fraser Health Authority (FHA)	PI is an employee or physician at FHA	PI is from a legitimate institution and must apply and sign an agreement		Yes, if student is an FHA employee and have sign-off from departmental supervisor
Interior Health (IH)	PI is an employee or physician at IH	PI is approved to be a PI by another REBC Network institution (i.e. another institution on this list)	No requirement for research team members to be from IHA	Yes, if allowed at their academic institution
Island Health Authority (VIHA)	PI is an employee or physician at Island Health	PI is approved to be a PI by another REBC Network institution (i.e. another institution on this list)	AND a member on the research team is an Island Health employee or physician	No

Northern Health (NHA)	PI is an employee or physician at NHA	PI is approved to be a PI by another REBC Network institution (i.e. another institution on this list)	AND a member on the research team is an NHA employee or physician	No
Providence Health Care (PHC)	PI is a physician at PHC	PI is UBC or PHSA employed	AND a member on the research team is a PHC employee or physician	No
Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)/Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	PI is a physician or employee at VCH	There is an institutional level agreement		Yes, but recommend academic supervisor as PI with student as Co-PI