

Guidance for ROMEO: Grant and Operational approvals

The ROMEO Researcher Portal is an online research administration portal that will help streamline the research approvals and application processes. Specifically, through this portal, you will be able to apply for grant, operational and ethics approval for your research projects. In this document, we provide some guidance on grant approvals.

To get started, go to the website:

<https://fraserhealth.researchservicesoffice.com/Romeo.Researcher.Admin/>

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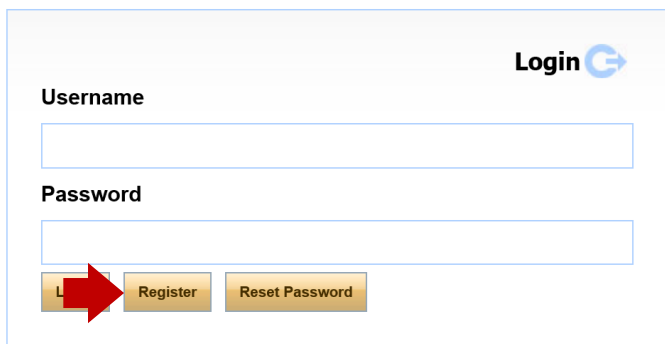
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1.1. Logging in for the first time (New researcher)

If you are a first time user, you must click the **Register** button to create an account. Your username should be your primary email address. You are strongly encouraged to use your Fraser Health email, rather than a personal email account, to create your account.



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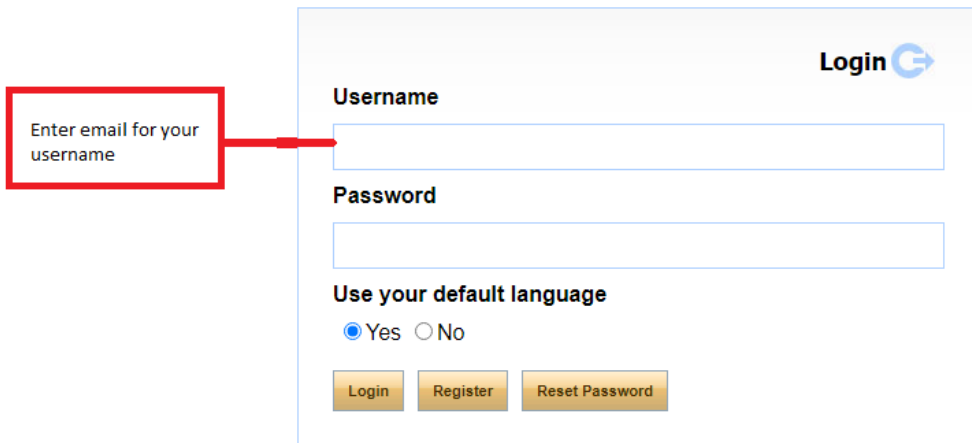
- Login** text with a blue circular arrow icon to its right.
- Username** label above a text input field.
- Password** label above a text input field.
- Three buttons at the bottom: **Login**, **Register**, and **Reset Password**.

A red arrow points to the **Register** button, indicating it is the correct action for a new user.

Once you have registered, you will receive an automatic email with instructions on setting up your password.

1.2. Logging in for the first time (Existing researcher)

If you have already been an investigator or main contract on a previous submission to the Fraser Health Research Ethics Board (FHREB), you will likely already be registered. You can insert your primary email address in the Username and select “Reset Password”. You will receive an automatic email with instructions on setting up your new password.

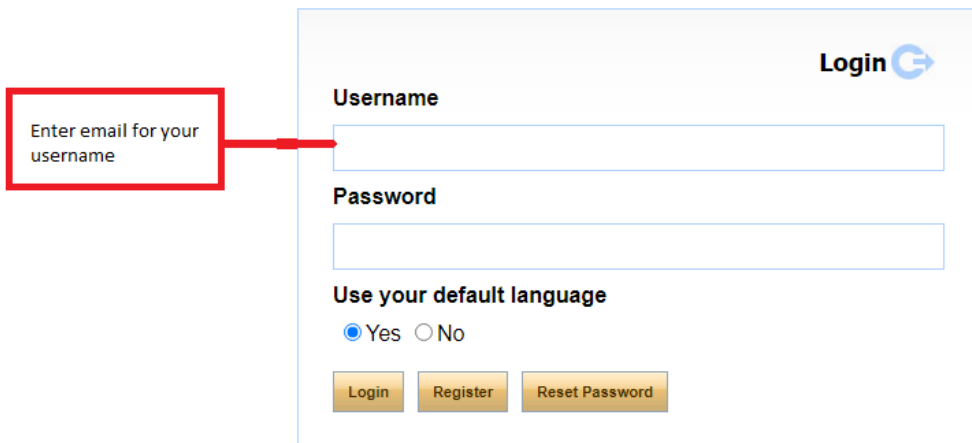


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- Username**: A text input field. A red callout box on the left contains the text "Enter email for your username" with a red arrow pointing to this field.
- Password**: A text input field.
- Use your default language**: A section with two radio buttons: Yes and No.
- Buttons**: Three buttons at the bottom: "Login", "Register", and "Reset Password".
- Header**: The word "Login" followed by a blue circular icon with a white arrow pointing right.

1.3. Resetting your password

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset your password on the main page. You can insert your primary email address in the Username and select “Reset Password”. You can insert your primary email address in the Username and select “Reset Password”. You will receive an automatic email with instructions on setting up your new password.



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1.4. Initiating a Project Record

The first step for any research project on ROMEO is to initiate a project record. The purpose of this record is to inform the Department of Evaluation and Research Services (DERS) of the services that you'll require for your research project. This form also serves as the starting point of applying for a letter of authorization to conduct research.

This initial form must be completed to get access to: Affiliation Agreement Request, CTMS intake, Contracts intake, Cost Centre Request, Data Access Agreement, Department Agreement to Provide Research Related Services, and FH Approval for External Grant Application form

To initiate a project record, you need to complete the **Application to Initiate a Project Record**. To do so, complete the following steps:

1. Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.
2. Select "Apply New"
3. Select "Application to Initiate a Project Record"
 - a. Once you select the appropriate application form, you will be assigned a temporary Application Reference Number will the application is in draft format. This will be replaced with a permanent File Number once the application form is submitted. Please note the File Number will be different from the File Number associated with the FHREB application (if applicable).

The screenshot shows the Fraser Health ROMEO Research Portal interface. At the top, the Fraser Health logo and tagline "Better health. Best in health care." are visible. Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with "BACK TO HOME", a search bar, and a "File No" dropdown menu. The "APPLY NEW" button is highlighted with a red box and a callout box that says "Click here to find application forms for new submissions". To the right of the "APPLY NEW" button are "News" and "Useful Links" buttons, with "Useful Links" also highlighted and a callout box that says "Click here for quick links to the FHREB consent form templates, guidance notes, meeting dates and more". Below the navigation bar, there is a table showing the user's role and application statuses. The user's role is "Principal Investigator". The table lists various application statuses and their counts:

Role: Principal Investigator	
Applications: Drafts	(0)
Applications: Requiring Attention	(0)
Applications: Under Review	(0)
Applications: Post-Review	(0)
Applications: Withdrawn	(0)
Events: Drafts	(0)
Events: Requiring Attention	(0)
Reminders	(0)

At the bottom of the screenshot, the user's role is "Project Team Member".

4. Complete the Project Info Tab

- a. Enter the Study Title, Start & End dates, and Keywords
- b. The “Related Certifications” section of this tab allows you to connect the operational and institutional approvals with the REB applications in the ROMEIO Research Portal
- c. For studies with an existing REB application on ROMEIO, select “Search”. This will generate a list of your existing REB applications. Select the appropriate study.
- d. For studies that have not yet applied for REB review on ROMEIO, select “Add New”. This will generate an open text box in which you can indicate you have not yet submitted for REB review.
- e. For multi-jurisdictional studies that have applied for harmonized REB review on the Provincial Research Ethics Platform hosted on the UBC RISE portal: Select “Add New”. This will generate an open text box in which you must indicate the H-number for the study.

Keywords:

Related Certifications

- Click Search to attach an existing certification
- Click Add New to attach a certification not yet submitted to a review committee

Certification Category	File No	Status	Renewal Date	Notes
No records to display.				

5. Complete the Project Team Member Tab

- a. The principal Investigator's information will automatically populate with the information of the individual making the application.
- b. All identified project team members can contribute to an application form pre-submission, but only the PI can submit an application form. If the application form has been initiated by a team member or research coordinator, the role of Principal Investigator will automatically be populated with that individual's information. This can be switched at any time using the "Change PI" function. Do not manually type in the PI's name. Once this is complete, remember to re-add yourself to the application as a team member.
- c. Use the Add New button to find and team members to the submission. Use the Search Profiles button to find and select team members from the ROMEO portal database. Once the Team Member's profile is located, select the appropriate role in the project from the drop-down list.
- d. For this section, it is not required to include all team members on the study, only those you wish to grant online access to (e.g. those who have been designated to submit forms on behalf of the PI). If you cannot find this person in the database, please have them register an account.

Application Ref No: 1012 Application Form: Initial Application for Clinical Studie

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Project Info Project Team Info * Initial Application for Clinical Studies Attachments Approvals Logs Errors

Principal Investigator

Instructions : Do not hand type data for this section. The Principal Investigator (PI) section default populates with the researcher profile data for the project team member who creates the file. If you are not the PI, click the Change PI button to search for and select an alternate researcher profile. If you load an alternate researcher profile to the PI section, be sure to reload your researcher profile to the Other Project Team Info section below.

Change PI Default PI can be changed at any point by clicking here

Prefix: Last Name: First Name:

Affiliation*:

Position: Position can be left blank

Institution:

6. Project Sponsor Tab

- a. Insert information about the project sponsor or funder in this section, as applicable.
- b. Use the “Add New” button to add sponsors/funders to the project record. Locate the sponsors/funders by selecting “Agency”.
- c. Use the search function to locate the appropriate Agency name. If the sponsor/funder is not listed, contact Adriel.Orena@fraserhealth.ca to add the sponsor/funder.

Application Ref No: 1030 **Project Title:** Test **Application Form:** Application for Letter of Authorization to Conduct Research
Project Work Flow State: Pre Submission

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Project Info Project Team Info **Project Sponsor Info** * Application for Letter of Authorization to Conduct Research Attachments Approvals Logs Errors

Click Add New to add funder and per fiscal year budget details for this project.

Add New

Investigator	Agency	Program	Total Requested Amount
No records to display.			

7. Complete the Application to Initiate a Project Record tab.

- a. This section collects information about the nature of the project being submitted.

Project Info Project Team Info Project Sponsor Info **Application to Initiate a Project Record** Attachments Approvals Log

Project Intake Form

The project intake form informs us about the services that you'll require from the Department of Evaluation and Research Services (DERS).

1.1) * Principal Investigator affiliation status:
Principal Investigators of research projects conducted at Fraser Health must be Fraser Health employees/privileged physicians, or academic investigators who have signed onto an affiliation agreement with Fraser Health. If an affiliation agreement is required, please submit an Affiliation Agreement Request Event Form. If applicable, the Letter of Authorization to Conduct Research will not be issued until the Affiliation Agreement is executed.

Fraser Health employee/privileged physician
 External Academic Investigator with FH affiliation status granted
 External Academic Investigator – FH affiliation status not yet granted (Submit Event form for Affiliation Status Request)

1.2) * Fraser Health Study Sites)
Check all that apply.

Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre
 Burnaby Hospital
 Chilliwack General Hospital
 Delta Hospital
 Eagle Ridge Hospital
 Fraser Health Hospital

8. Submit the application form

- a. When you submit the application form, you will find the project record in “Applications: Under Review”. You will not be able to edit the form during this time. Wait until you receive an e-mail about the approval of this Project Record.
- b. If our administrator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under “Applications: Requiring Attention”. Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- c. When our administrator has approved the initiation of the project record, you will find the project record in “Applications: Post-Review”.

1.5. Find the relevant project record under “Post-Review”

Once a project record has been created for your research project, our administrator will review the project record. When it has completed review, your project record will show up under “Applications: Post-Review”. On there, you will find a list of your research projects.



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Role: Principal Investigator	
Applications: Drafts	(0)
Applications: Requiring Attention	(0)
Applications: Under Review	(1)
Applications: Post-Review	(6)
Applications: Withdrawn	(0)
Events: Drafts	(0)
Events: Requiring Attention*	(2)
Reminders*	(1)
Role: Project Team Member	
Role: Reviewer	

You can select “Events” on each of these project records to access the forms for further sub-approvals. The events page will provide a list of applications related to the various sub-approvals that may be required. Complete each form as necessary. Multiple forms may be submitted concurrently. If you are unsure which forms are required for your study, please contact Research.Approvals@fraserhealth.ca for guidance.



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	File No	Project Title	Principal Investigator	Application Type	Status Snapshot
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View Clone Events Latest Workflow	2020561	Test for Run-Through #2	Dr. Sara O'Shaughnessy (Evaluation and Research Services)	Application to Initiate a Project Record (Awards\Awards)	Project Status: Active Workflow Status: Approval Decision Made
View Clone Events Latest Workflow	2020560	Test - operational approval run through	Dr. Sara O'Shaughnessy (Evaluation and Research Services)	Application to Initiate a Project Record (Awards\Awards)	Project Status: Pending Workflow Status: Approval Decision Made

3.1. Requesting to obtain FH approval for External Grant Application

All external research grant applications are required to be reviewed and approved by our executive team prior to submission to the funder. To obtain prompt FH approval, the research development specialist must be notified of any outgoing external grant application **one week prior** to the competition deadline. To notify the research development specialist of your external grant application, please go through the following steps:

- 1) [Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.](#)
- 2) [Find the relevant project record under "Post-Review".](#)
 - If your project does not have a project record, [initiate a Project Record.](#)
- 3) [Under "Events"](#), find the ***FH Approval for External Grant Application*** form. Complete and submit this form.
 - If our administrator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under "Events: Requiring Attention". Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- 4) The Research Development Specialist will contact you by e-mail to give you further details.
- 5) When the application has received VP approval, the status on the ***FH Approval for External Grant Application*** form on ROMEO will be changed to "Active".

3.2. Requesting a cost centre

Please note that to create a cost centre, you will need: a notice of award from your funding agency, as well as a letter of authorization to conduct research from FH.

- 1) [Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.](#)
- 2) [Find the relevant project record under "Post-Review".](#)
 - a. If your project does not have a project record, [initiate a Project Record.](#)
- 3) [Under "Events"](#), find the **Cost Centre Request** form. Complete and submit this form.
 - a. If our administrator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under "Events: Requiring Attention". Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- 4) When your Cost Centre has been created, you will receive an e-mail from Finance about the details of your Cost Centre. The status on the **Cost Centre Request** form on ROMEO will be changed to "Active". Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing.

4.1. Requesting to add your project to Fraser Health's CTMS (Clinical Trial Management System)

- 1) [Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.](#)
- 2) [Find the relevant project record under "Post-Review".](#)
 - If your project does not have a project record, [initiate a Project Record.](#)
- 3) [Under "Events",](#) find the **CTMS Intake** form. Complete and submit this form.
 - If the CTMS Coordinator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under "Events: Requiring Attention". Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- 4) The CTMS Coordinator process the request.
 - If your site already has an existing CTMS in place, the CTMS Coordinator will add the study and create the study template in the CTMS. They will then contact you by e-mail to provide details.
 - If your site does not have a CTMS in place, the CTMS Coordinator will contact you by e-mail to create a new CTMS for your site.
- 5) Once the CTMS has been added and the study template has been created in the CTMS, the status on the **CTMS Intake** form on ROMEO will be changed to "Active".

4.2. Requesting to execute a contract that involves Fraser Health

- 1) [Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.](#)
- 2) [Find the relevant project record under “Post-Review”.](#)
 - If your project does not have a project record, [initiate a Project Record.](#)
- 3) [Under “Events”](#), find the **Contracts Intake** form. Complete and submit this form.
 - If our administrator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under “Events: Requiring Attention”. Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- 4) The Research Contracts Coordinator will contact you by e-mail to give you further details.
- 5) When the Contract has been executed, the status on the **Contracts Intake** form on ROMEO will be changed to “Active”.

4.3. Requesting to amend a contract that involves Fraser Health

- 1) [Log-in to the ROMEO Research Portal.](#)
- 2) [Find the relevant project record under “Post-Review”.](#)
 - If your project does not have a project record, [initiate a Project Record.](#)
- 3) [Under “Events”](#), find the **Contracts Amendment** form. Complete and submit this form.
 - If our administrator requires changes to your form, they will send the form back to you. You will find the returned form under “Events: Requiring Attention”. Make the requested changes, and re-submit the application form.
- 4) The Research Contracts Coordinator will contact you by e-mail to give you further details.
- 5) When the Contract has been executed, the status on the **Contracts Amendment** form on ROMEO will be changed to “Active”.