

SYSTEM UPDATE – DATABASE APPLICATION

(February 2024): HiREB has de-activated the Database Application. This application cannot be used to create new research projects moving forward.

This application was not in heavy use by research teams yet it resulted in a high error rate - about 24% of submissions in 2023 were returned/withdrawn for submission via a different application type. When the review did proceed via this application, the limited nature of the form often resulted in lengthy review letters and/or multiple re-submissions. Ultimately, HiREB has determined that this application is not an efficient way to proceed and has retired the application.

Which application should I use instead?

Applications involving prospective/new data collection should be submitted using the General Research Application (GRA).

Applications involving the secondary use of data (re-using data originally collected for one purpose for a new, research purpose) should be submitted via the Retrospective Review of Medical Charts/Health Data Application.

What about 'old' Database Applications?

All prospective database applications approved prior to February 05, 2024 are unaffected by this change.

If you created a database application prior to February 05, 2024 but have not yet submitted, you can still submit for the time being. We ask that you complete and submit this application as soon as possible. We will be fully de-activating this form in a few months' time.

Questions?

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Mirela Lukac, the eREB Helpdesk Administrator: 905 521-2100, ext 70014 or eREBhelpdesk@hhsc.ca.