



**Social Workers
Registration Board**
Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhiro

Research

Position Paper

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The Social Workers Registration Board (the SWRB) has developed this position paper to provide guidance to researchers who may consider approaching the Board for support to undertake research. The SWRB will endeavour to support research activity that supports the following purposes of the SWRB:

- (a) To protect the safety of members of the public; and
- (b) To enhance the professionalism of social workers.

The SWRB is committed to supporting the development of a strong social work practice environment built on the foundations of research integrity. To this end the SWRB:

- Expects all graduates of recognised social work education programmes to be intelligent consumers of research and able to use research to inform their practice;
- Expects all social work academics to be research active;
- Expects that good research practice is integrated into teaching of recognised programmes;
- Will, wherever practicable, support research by registered social workers undertaking research higher degrees in social work;
- Will, wherever practicable, support research by social work academics;
- Will, wherever practicable, support research by registered social work practitioners;
- Where practical will be an active partner in collaborative research proposals that meet the SWRB criteria for support;
- Will address social work research misconduct through the SWRB complaints and disciplinary processes.

The SWRB is committed to the highest standards of research conduct and integrity and expects researchers to adhere to the eight basic principles that underpin all good research practice:

- Honesty
- Reliability
- Objectivity
- Impartiality and independence
- Open communication
- Duty of care
- Fairness, and
- Responsibility for future research generations.

In supporting research that requires SWRB assistance for recruitment of participants, the SWRB minimum requirements for are:

- Full research proposal
- Full ethics proposal and approval letter from relevant ethics committee
- Information on proposed joint authorship of publication if the research is related to higher degree by research

Depending on the nature of support required, the SWRB may require reimbursement for costs related to research support.

All requests for research support should in the first instance be directed to the Registrar [Registration & Education].

At the conclusion of any research supported by the SWRB it is expected that the SWRB would receive a copy of any published report.

The SWRB is also committed to researching outcomes of SWRB activities to ensure development of regulation best practice and develop good practice guidelines as appropriate