

The Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering

Policy on Embryonic Stem Cell Research

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It is the policy of the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering (WSE) that all research using human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) and/or somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) involving human cells being conducted by WSE faculty, staff or students or involving the use of WSE facilities shall be subject to oversight by the JHU SOM ESCRO committee. All such research must be approved by the JHU SOM ESCRO committee.

The primary purpose of the JHU SOM ESCRO committee is to provide ethical oversight for all research conducted using hESCs or SCNT involving human cells. The JHU SOM ESCRO committee reviews protocols to determine if they are ethically and scientifically sound. The JHU SOM ESCRO committee also considers compliance with applicable governmental regulations and institutional policies related to stem cells and research.

The policy, procedures, applications and contact information for the JHU SOM ESCRO Committee can be found here: <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/Research/escro/>. On this site, you will also find all of the information and tools that you need to determine if your research requires JHU SOM ESCRO notice or review and if so, how to submit your proposal to the JHU SOM ESCRO committee.