

## Research ethics statement

When evaluating financial empowerment programs and interventions, organizations should consider the principles of research ethics expressed in the federal [Tri-Council Policy Statement](#) promoting the ethical conduct of research involving humans. Prosper Canada recommends that program evaluation with data collection components includes a consent and confidentiality process for all participants, whether they are clients, staff, or stakeholders. The consent process should be voluntary, can be withdrawn at any time, and participants can request to withdraw their consent as well as data already collected. Researchers and evaluators should also consider whether data collected from participants will be identifiable and hold themselves to the ethical duty of confidentiality and the use of appropriate measures to safeguard information. Research ethics guidelines federally mandated for Canadian institutions can be accessed at <http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/>.