Research Portal for AAC Reviewers

Welcome to the Research Portal Training Module for Reviewers. If, after reading and following the steps outlined in this document you require further assistance or encounter problems in the process, please contact Stephanie at romeo@laurentian.ca.

The Reviewer Portal allows committee members to access ethics or animal care protocols for review. The Reviewer Portal is part of the ROMEO Awards and Certifications modules, which is home to your research and Office of Research Services, which includes research ethics administrative data.

What can reviewers or committee members do in the Reviewer Portal? The answer is simple:

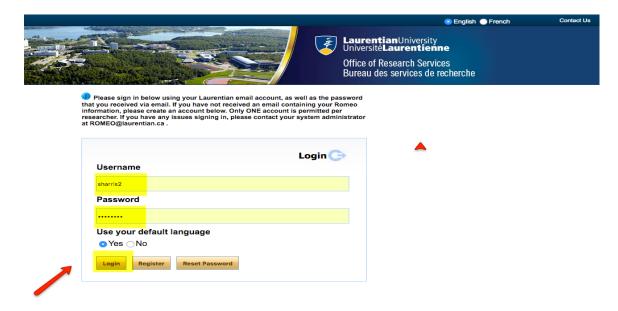
- View all assigned files and related documents
- Submit review comments and decisions
- Update user profile and change password, if needed.

Basically, the Super User, responsible to develop and maintain the database, sets up the reviewers profile by creating a RMR (Reviewer Master Record) for all reviewers, assigns a user ID and a password, et voilà!

So here is the URL you require to access the database:

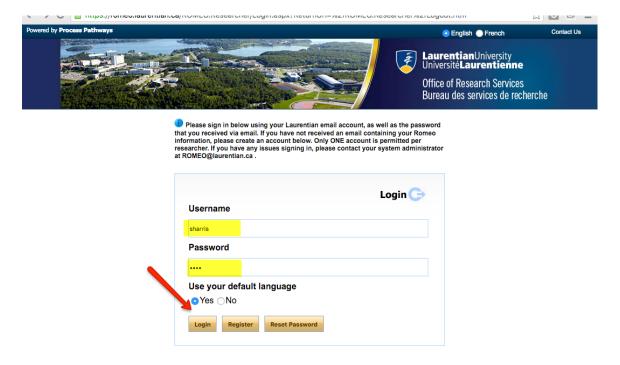
https://romeo.laurentian.ca/romeo.researcher

Once you've entered that URL, you should see your home screen where you enter your user name and password (by the way, I will email those to you).



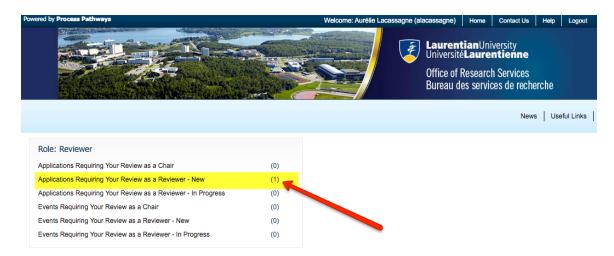
Please note that ROMEO is compatible with Internet Explorer, Firefox and Google Chrome, but it isn't compatible with Safari yet. If you are experiencing problems with the Portal, begin by checking which browser you are using.

Enter your user ID and password to log in.



Home Page

Once you log in, you'll be directed to your home page.

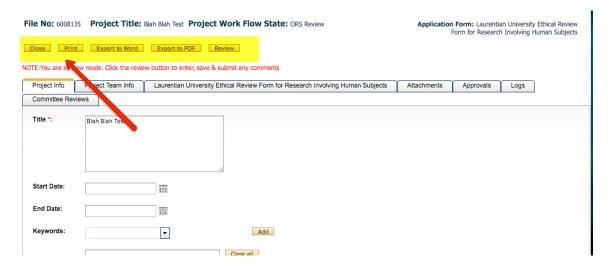


There you find all the files requiring review. When a file is delegated from the administrative side, it automatically routes to the assigned reviewer, who can access the file by clicking the quick link as identified in the image above.

Once you click on the quick link, you will enter the portal and find the reviews requiring your attention. Click "View" to see the application.



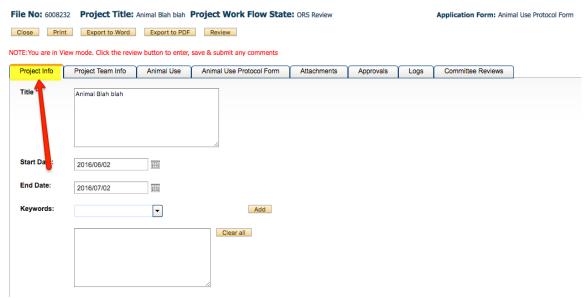
Now, you will be looking at the actual proposal.



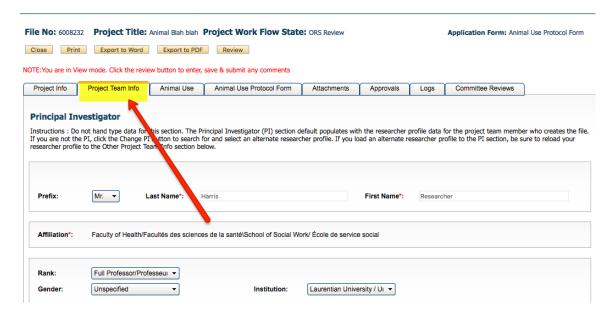
Notice at the top of the page, a "Close" button, which basically just closes the file; a "Print" button which allows you to print the document in whole; the "Export to Word" and "Export to PDF" buttons which allow you to see the whole document, making for an easier view of the document without printing it; and finally the Review" button which will be described a bit later.

Before you begin the "Review" process, take a look at each tab. For the purpose of this training, we will go through each one.

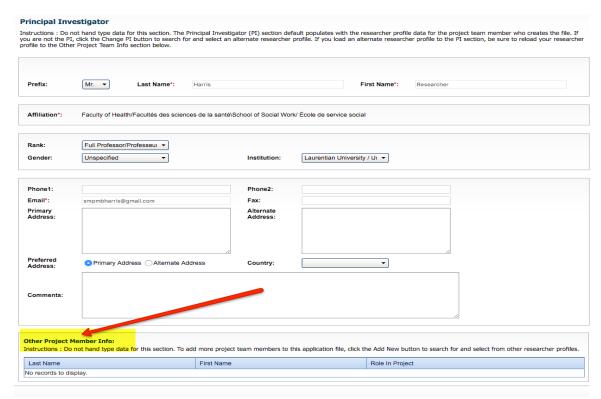
The first tab is "Project Info" where the title, start and end dates and notes (if any) are visible.



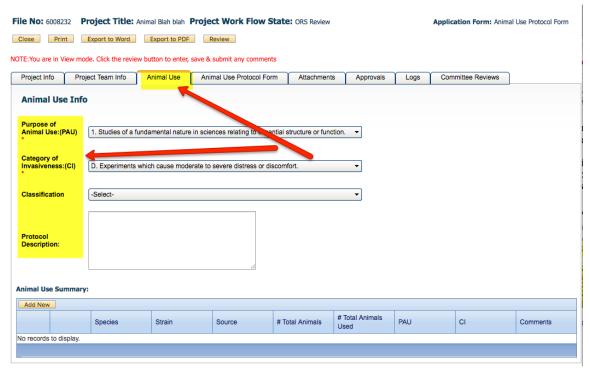
The next tab is the "Project Team Info". This is where you will see the researcher's and co-researchers' or project members' (if any) information. It will provide the names, title and roles of the co-researchers as well as their affiliation and/or institution.



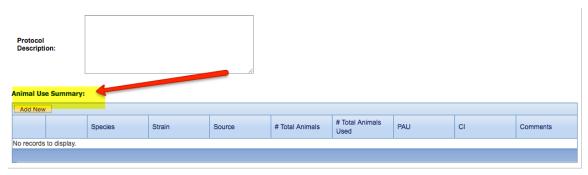
Project members' names are found at the bottom of the page in the blue box (see screen shot below).



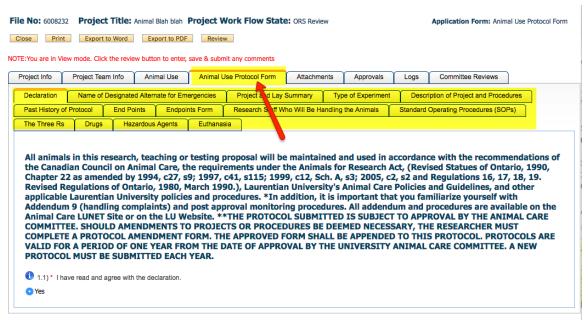
The next tab is the "Animal Use" tab where the researcher enters the purpose of animal use and the category of invasiveness.



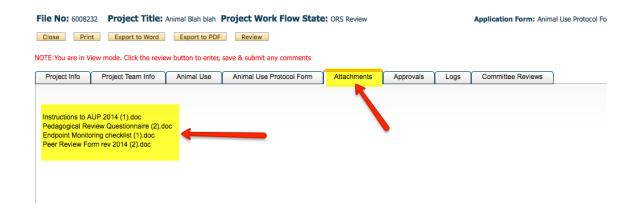
At the bottom of this page, you will also see any animal use information related to the project.



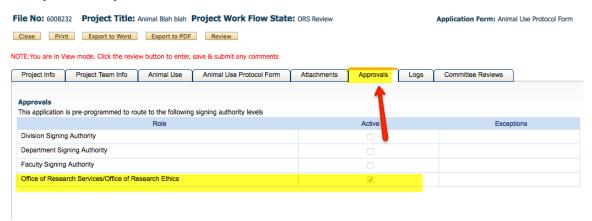
The next tab is the "Animal Use Protocol Form" tab. The questions in this section reflect the questions in the original paper form. Simply click each tab to view all the questions and the researcher's answers (see screen shot below).



Next is the "Attachments" tab where you'll find any attachments related to a project; for instance, you should see links to consent forms, letters of information, signatures, etc. Prior to assigning any files to you as a reviewer, the ORS will check to ensure every required document is under "Attachments".

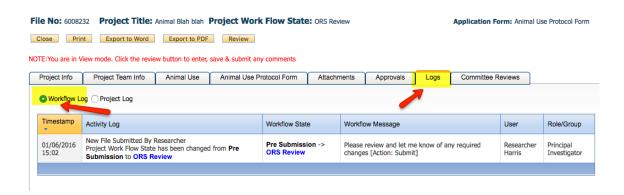


The next tab is "Approvals" where reviewers can view the workflow of the application. The RPAF is the only form that requires approvals from Dept. Chair, Faculty Deans and VP of Research. The ethics application is routed straight to the ORS (see below)

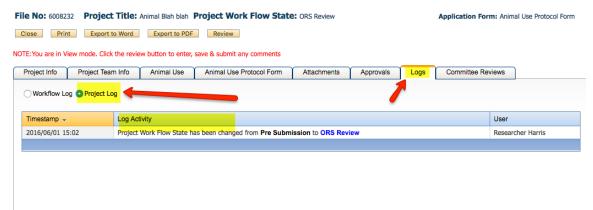


Next is the "Logs" tab, which allows you to see the details of the workflow. For instance here you'll see the workflow process, changes made, comments added, etc. This is where the Chair will be reviewing the changes made to an application.

Check the "Workflow Log" to see all workflow history.



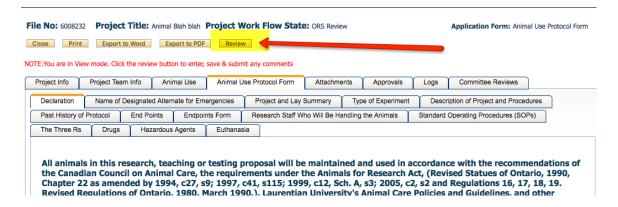
Check the "Project Log" to see all entry history.



And finally, the "Committee Reviews" tab. This is where the Chair will find all the comments made by the reviewers. The comments can be confidential and only available to the chair, or visible for all to see, as decided by the committee.



To begin the review process, simply by click the "Review" button.

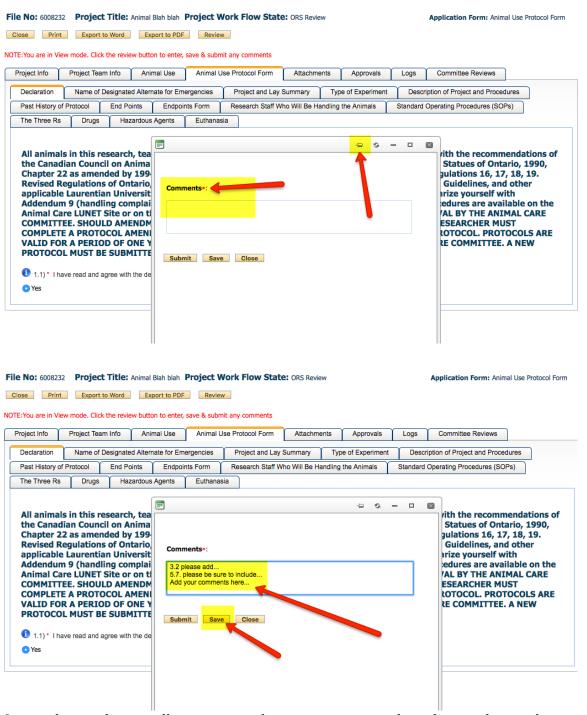


At this point, a box will appear where you will begin posting your comments. For example you might have reviewed the application and noticed a few areas requiring attention. Therefore, you might say something like, "in question 2.3, you need to expand further on..." and you would continue this process until you have highlighted all areas requiring more attention.

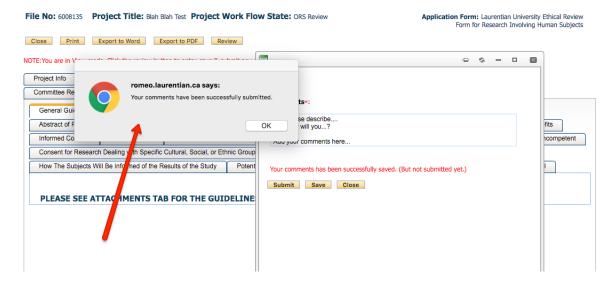
Points to remember:

- 1) Always remember to save after every one or two comments **or before** moving to the next section of the application. Otherwise, you will have to rewrite your comments.
- 2) You can "pin" your comment box so that it scrolls down with you as you go through the document.

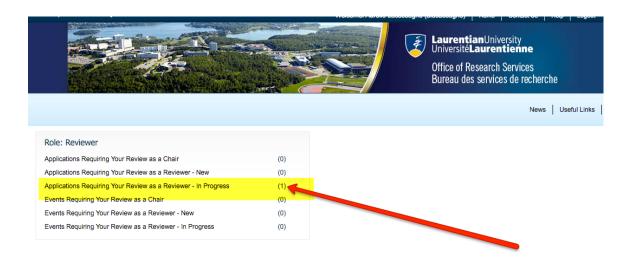
Add your comments in the box, hit SAVE as you go and submit when completed.



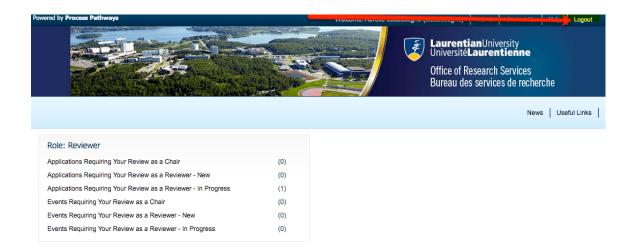
Once submitted, you will get a notice that your comments have been submitted.



Once submitted, you will notice that the file moves from "Application Requiring Your Review as a Reviewer - New" to "Application Requiring Your Review as Reviewer - In Progress".



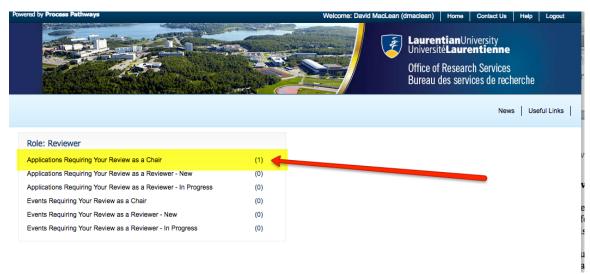
And that's it! You log out and you are done unless you are requested to review the file a second time. Just log out or proceed to another file.



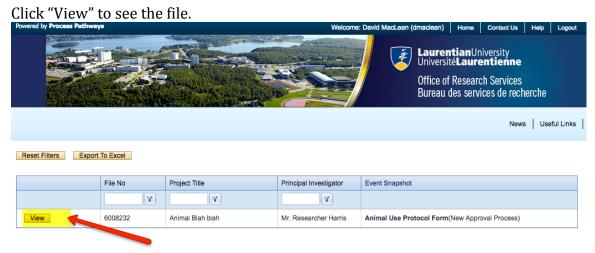
Review as Chair

The process is the same for the Chair until a decision has to be made. The only difference is the location or name of the quick link under which the application/file falls.

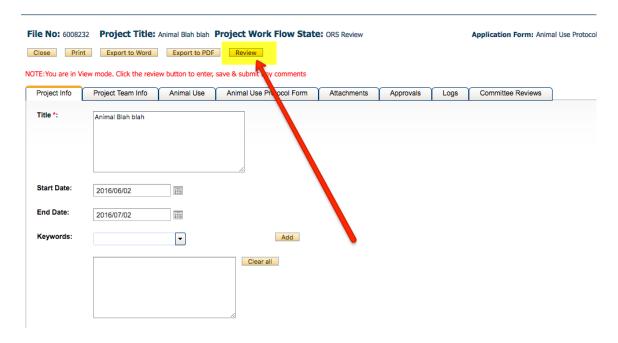
You will notice that the application goes to "Applications Requiring Your Review as Chair".



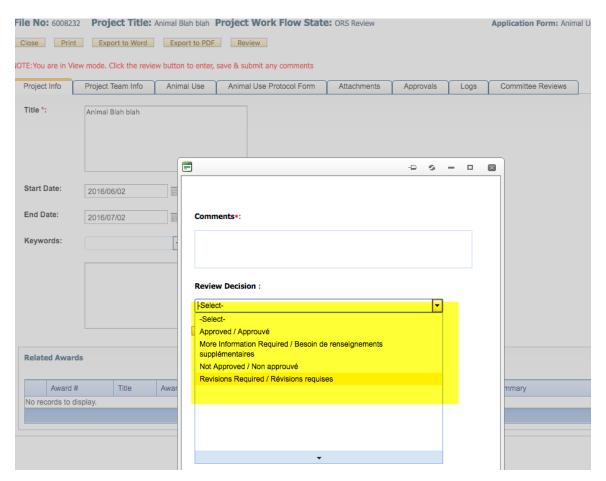
The Chair would click on the quick link and would see the application in the same way as other reviewers see it. Please see above for instructions.



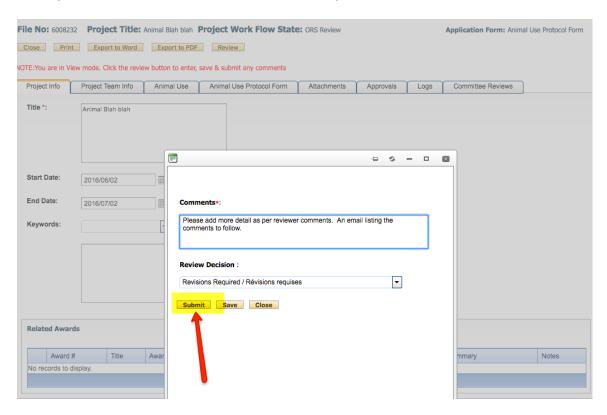
Click Review to complete your review or to see the comments made by other reviewers. The Chair will always be added as a reviewer, so s/he can follow the comments made by other reviewers. The Chair will no longer have to compile the comments made and send them to the researcher. Our email template mail merge codes assists with this process. The administration will select the "revisions required" email template, which automatically merges all reviewer comments.



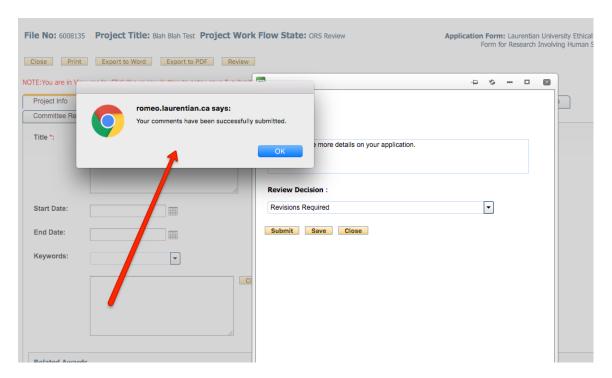
After clicking "Review" the same box comes up so the Chair can add comments. The only difference is the Chair's ability to make a decision.



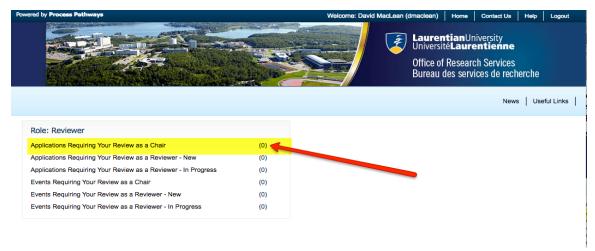
Once you've reviewed the file, and the reviewers' comments on the file, you can make your decision. The decision automatically links with the Admin Romeo.



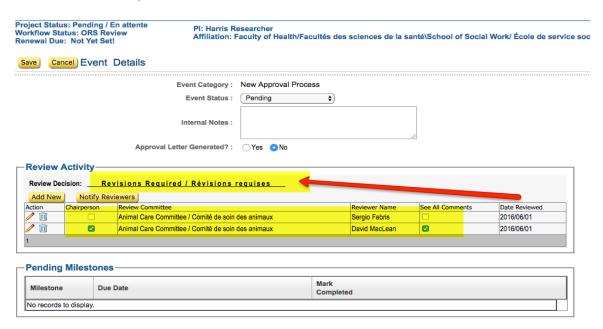
And again, once the Chair submits, the same confirmation box appears.



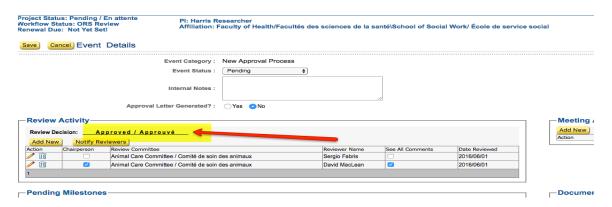
Upon submission, you will note that the file is no longer in your quick links. Once the Chair makes a decision, the file is returned to the ORS, where an admin is required to make changes and make it available to the researcher.



On the admin side, this is what it looks like:

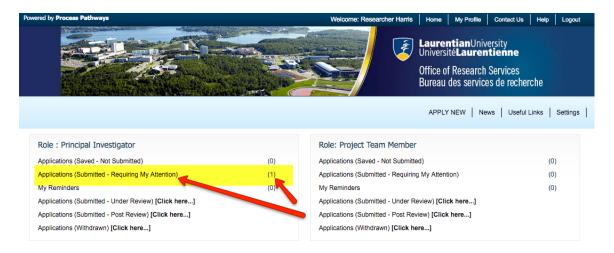


Or when approved:

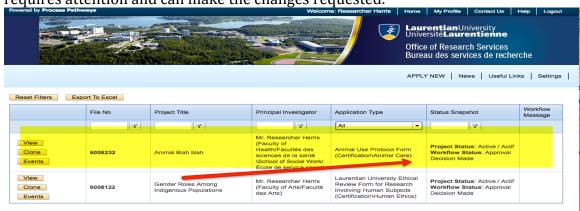


The file can be forwarded back and forth with the PI until the chair is satisfied with the application, at which point a final decision will be made and the Chair will approve the project and a certificate will be issued.

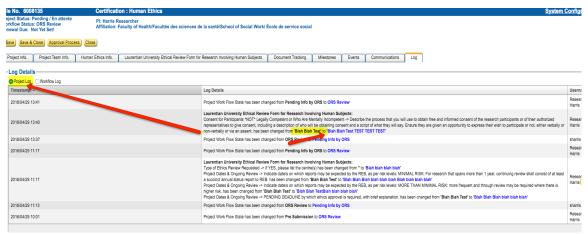
Once that is complete, the researcher is advised to log into the Research Portal to view and revise the application form.



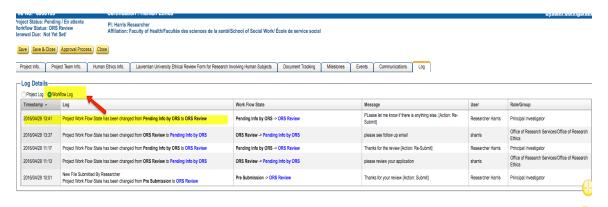
Once the researcher clicks on the quick link, he or she is able to click on the file that requires attention and can make the changes requested.



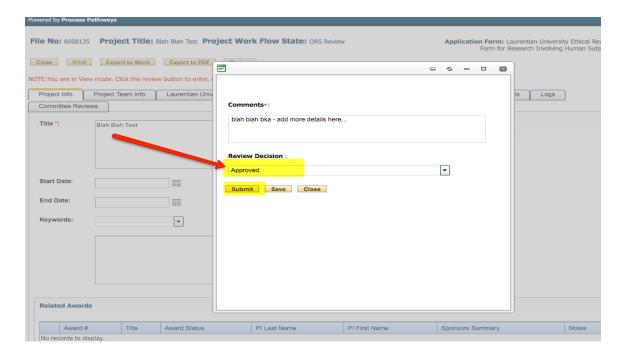
To see the changes made, go to the "Logs" tab. Shown below are the changes made in the "Project Log".



Shown here are the changes made in the "Workflow Log".



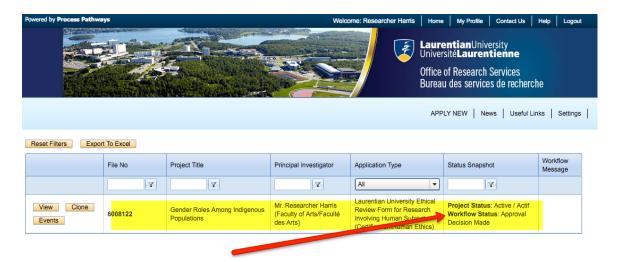
Once satisfied with the changes, the Chair approves the research.



The Chair will see another confirmation box once decision is submitted.

Once the approval is granted, the admin is responsible for getting all the documentation and certification to the PI. The admin will change the settings in Romeo to reflect this change, and an email to the PI will be sent with the decision.

Now the researcher can access the application through the Portal and see the final decision.



And, that is it! Now you are officially trained to begin using the Research Portal as a reviewer.

Thank you and please get in touch with Stephanie at romeo@Laurentian.ca with any issues or questions regarding this training, or support in using the Portal.