1. The Tumour Bank Office coordinates scientific review of all applications

2. The scientific review assesses whether the application is scientifically justifiable, feasible and high priority use of available material

3. Where possible, reviewers consist of two scientists and one clinician

4. Reviewers complete a standard review form

5. Review forms are sent to the applicant who may be asked to revise a method or clarify part of the application

6. The applicant must answer the reviewers’ queries to the satisfaction of assessors

7. Conditional approval is granted pending final approval and sign off by the Tumour Bank Custodian

8. The recommendation for specimen access is ratified by the Access Committee

9. The Tumour Bank Office sends a letter of approval to the applicant