

# ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## 1. Introduction

Research projects that involve human participants either directly (e.g. being interviewed, answering questionnaires) and/or indirectly (e.g. accessing personal data) should be ethically reviewed by KUERC.

## 2. Qualitative based research projects that require ethical approval may include:

- i. Personal interviews
- ii. Questionnaires
- iii. Interviews
- iv. Focus groups
- v. Observation of groups etc

## 3. Quantitative and experimental researches that require ethical approval may include:

- i. Questionnaires
- ii. Surveys,
- iii. Trials etc

## 4. In addition all other research involving the following will require ethical clearance

- Non-human animal subjects (Please seek ethical approval for research involving animals)
- If you anticipate that the research project to expose any person, whether or not a participant, to physical or psychological harm
- If you will have access to personal information that allows you to identify individuals or to confidential corporate or company information
- If the research project may present a significant risk to the environment or society

## 5. The ERC will evaluate the protocol under the following areas

- i. Scientific design and conduct of study,
- ii. Recruitment of research participant,
- iii. Care and protection of research participants
- iv. Protection of research participant's confidentiality,
- v. Informed consent process,
- vi. Community considerations.

**Name of the Researcher(s):**

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**Title of the Research:**

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**Abstract:**

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**I confirm I have read and understood the ethical issues in my proposal**

Student name: ..... Sign..... Date .....

Supervisor name:..... Sign..... Date .....

**WARNING**

You should note that if you undertake research without ethical approval the University takes no responsibility for the study. Undertaking research without ethical approval will be considered to be misconduct. Further no reputable publication will take your work before clearance by the Ethic Review Committee.