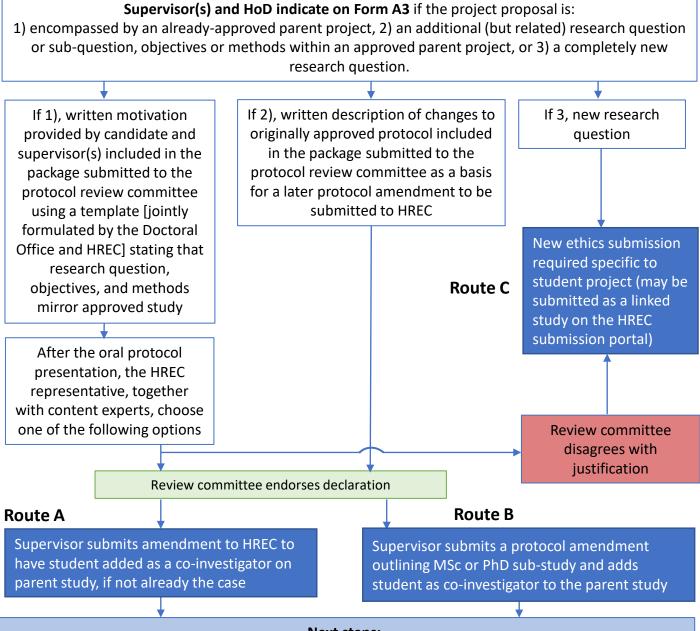
Does my MSc or PhD student need a separate HREC approval?

Case-by-case consideration is required for each student project according to the logic below

Core principles:

- 1. SU's ethical obligations to study participants, staff, and students must not be compromised.
- 2. Redundant review of the same research question and methods needs to be avoided, especially if the parent study has approval.



Next steps:

- 1) HREC representative who served on protocol review committee writes letter of recommendation (co-signed by the protocol review committee chair) addressed to the Ethics Committee Chair and attaches the supervisor's declaration, student CV, GCP certificate (if applicable), and student protocol after final approval from the committee.
- 2) Unless objections received from the Ethics Committee, a letter is issued that recognises that ethics approval is *already in place* and the student does not require new approvals. If the title of the student project does not match the parent project, this letter should verify that this linkage exists.
- 3) In the case of objections in 2), the protocol review HREC representative and committee chairperson engage with the Ethics Committee Chair until in agreement. Student supervisor may be requested to provide more information.