Online health research ethics applications

Undergraduate Research Ethics Committee (UREC) and the research ethics context

Research ethics aims to protect the welfare and dignity of research participants (and their health-related information/biological materials) while facilitating socially valuable research.

All health research, as defined by the National Health Act (51 of 2003), must undergo formal ethics review by a Research Ethics Committee (REC). This infrastructural aims to simplify the process of applying for approval from the Undergraduate Research Ethics Committee for undergraduate and honours students at Stellenbosch University.

Minimum set of documents required

- Research protocol
- Pharmacology (if applicable)
- Information sheet
- Consent

My project is linked to a larger project

- UREC Guidance on strategy
- UREC’s Submissions to Large Projects

I don’t know if I need ethics approval

- UREC’s Frequently Asked Questions
- UREC’s Common Questions

I need to remunerate research participants

- Information about Remuneration
- UREC’s Remuneration Guidelines

I’m doing research at a health facility in the Western Cape

- UREC’s Reciprocal Arrangements
- UREC’s Reciprocal Arrangements in the Western Cape

I’m doing research on Stellenbosch University students and/or staff

- UREC’s Guidelines on the Inclusion of Staff and Students
- UREC’s Guidelines on the Inclusion of Students

I need to apply for a waiver of consent

- UREC’s Frequently Asked Questions
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I’m doing a systematic or scoping review

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I need to apply for a title

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I’m doing research on biological samples

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I’m doing qualitative research

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Frequently Asked Questions: What if...

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Important information about the content of applications

- Finding a topic
- Defining the research question
- Choosing the appropriate methods
- Conducting the research
- Conclusion

Basic information for application form

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