

Should you submit your application to the Faculty or School Ethics Committee?

The Schools of Psychology, Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences and Social Work and Social Policy have their own Level 2 Research Ethics Committee – applicants from these schools should submit their applications directly to their School REC.

If you are in any of the other Schools in the Faculty, please consider the following questions in relation to your application:

Does your research/ project involve:	Yes	No
1. A survey asking questions of a sensitive or private nature		
2. A questionnaire or observational studies involving children or vulnerable adults.		
3. Research where there is a risk of a participant feeling undue pressure to participate by virtue of his/her relationship with the researcher (e.g. student/supervisor; patient/clinician).		
4. A project involving a justifiable degree of deception.		
5. Analysis of archival irrevocably anonymised human tissue samples for which consent for research was not originally given, and was not acquired in the course of clinical treatment. (Archived samples taken for a previous research study must always get new ethical approval).		
6. Research involving invasive procedures.		
7. Research involving vulnerable persons.		
8. Research where identifiable information obtained may have legal, economic or social consequences for research subjects.		
9. Research that may identify illegal activity		
10. A project where each subject is paid (over and above token gestures).		
11. Research that may potentially endanger the subjects, and/or researchers, and/or 3rd parties, and/or the environment.		
12. Research involving the collection of human tissue.		
13. Research that may have a direct military role.		
14. Potentially harmful research involving humans conducted outside Ireland.		
15. Research involving psychological intervention.		
16. Research where a potentially beneficial or harmful treatment, information or learning method may be withheld from some participants.		

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then the application is deemed to be of moderate or high risk and should be submitted to the Faculty Research Ethics Committee:

<http://ahss.tcd.ie/Faculty%20Ethics%20Committee/FacultyEthicsCommittee.php>

If you have not answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you may submit the application for consideration by the School Research Ethics Committee.