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**RU Ethical Standards Eform (CURRENT)**  Complete

- Guidelines to complete this form**  
**Important:**
1. Remember to 'SAVE' after each section. The SAVE function is on the top left hand of the application form.
  2. Click the COMPLETE box at the top right hand of the eform when all the fields have been completed. The application form will then close and the submission screen will be visible.
  3. Upload any other relevant documents in the submission screen (i.e. not in this eform).
  4. Click 'SUBMIT' in the submission screen when all the information is complete and all the documents are attached.

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Any project in which humans are the subject of research requires completion of this form and submission, for approval, to the appropriate DEPARTMENTAL HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE or, where such committee does not exist or cannot unanimously approve the research protocol, to the University's ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

For all ethical applications or related queries, please complete the following questions. These initial questions will determine whether a full ethical application is necessary. In cases where no ethical clearance is necessary, a letter declaring so can be provided. In this event, the research program will need to be attached.

RU-HSD-16-  
 Protocol Number05-0003

Title of Research  
 TESTING EFORM QUESTIONS

**GENERAL**

**A. Investigator Particulars**

**Internal Investigators**

\*Internal Researchers Protocol Role (To add extra personnel, please click on the YELLOW '+' and then the EDIT icon)  
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**External Investigators**

Fullname Protocol Role (To add extra personnel, please click on the YELLOW '+' and then the EDIT icon)

**Type of Research**

\*Area  \*Level of Study

**Question 1**

\*Has ethical approval for this research been sought at any other internal or external ethics committee (e.g. a departmental ethics committee?).

**Question 2**

Does the research involve animals or invertebrates?

**Question 3**

\*Does the research involve humans as participants?

**Summary of Research**

What is the purpose of the Research? (Should normally be answered in 1 to 3 sentences)

Briefly state the methodology and the procedures in which participants will be asked to participate (Should normally be answered in 1 to 5 sentences)

**Please upload the Research Protocol from within the Submission Screen.**

**INFORMATION TO SUBJECT (Recruitment)**

What information will be afforded to participants before they consent to participate?

**Please upload the written or oral information to be given to the participant (from within the Submission Screen).**

Who will provide this information? (Give name/s and state whether such person is the Principal Investigator/Researcher, student, research assistant etc)

Will the information provided be complete and accurate?

**Funding**  
Please select the source of funding

**Participant Information**  
Participant Population(s) (Add another category to specify multiple criteria by clicking on the YELLOW '+'):

**Participant Group**  
\*Are particular characteristics of any kind required in the participant group that have not been classified above (e.g age, cultural derivation, background, physical characteristics, disease states, etc)?

\*Are Participants drawn from RU students at large?

\*Are Participants drawn from a School Population?

\*Are Participants drawn from an institutional population? (e.g. Hospital, Prison, Mental Institution)

\*Will any records be consulted for information?

\*Are all participants over 18 years of age?

State the minimum number of Participants needed:

State the maximum number of Participants needed:

Justify the numbers in terms of the methodology chosen and the proposed data analysis requirements.

**RISKS AND BENEFITS OF PROJECT**

Is there any risk of harm, embarrassment or offence, however slight or temporary, to the participant, to third parties, or to the community at large?

Are remedial measures available, if risks are not reversible?

Please explain

Are alternative procedures available?

Please explain

Has the person administering the project previous experience with the particular risk factors involved?

Please explain

Are any benefits expected to accrue to the participant personally? (e.g. improved health, mental state, financial, etc)

Will you be using equipment of any sort?

Will any article of property, personal or cultural, be collected in the course of this project?

**CONSENT OF PARTICIPANTS**

Is consent to be given in writing?

Do any participants suffer from a legal disability preventing them from giving effective informed consent (e.g. under 18 years, declared insane by a court of law, unconscious, etc)

Do any participants operate in an institutional environment which may cast doubt on the voluntary aspect of consent?

Will subjects receive remuneration for their participation?

Do you require consent of an institutional authority for this project?

**PRIVACY, ANONYMITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA**

Are provisions made to protect participant's rights to privacy and anonymity and to preserve confidentiality with respect to data?

If necessary, explain in the text box below or upload an appendix.

Will mechanical methods of observation be used? (e.g. one-way mirrors, recordings, videos, etc)

Will data collected be stored in any way?

Will stored data be made available for re-use?

Will any part of the project be conducted on private property (includes shopping centres)?

**FEEDBACK**

Will feedback be given to participants?

If you are working in a school or other institutional setting will you be providing teachers, parents, school authorities or equivalent a copy of your results and/or report? Yes

Specify

Documents to attach for your application (this is for your reference only. See instructions below on how to attach documents.).

Research programme or protocol

Information given to participants

Schedule of the nature and necessity for deception

Consent form for participants

Institutional consent form

Privacy and Anonymity provisions

Schedule of mechanical methods of observation

Consent for use of private property

Debriefing/feedback information

**How to UPLOAD documents to your application (also see User Manual):**

**In the Submission - Initial Application - Components for Initial Application screen, click on "Add Institution Forms/Supporting Documents."**

**Select "Choose File" and browse for the document to be attached.**

**DECLARATION**

I UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVISE THE ETHICAL STANDARDS PROMPTLY OF ANY DEVIATIONS, WAIVERS, AND IRREGULARITIES OR HARM OCCURRING DURING THE CONDUCT OF THIS RESEARCH PROJECT.

**\* As Principal Investigator, I declare that the external investigator(s) listed has read and understood the application, and support it in the submitted form.**

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