CLICK HERE TO START

This is an application for Research Ethics Approval to conduct research in the Education Faculty.

Its aim is to prevent deliberately or carelessly unethical research, which would put researchers, participants or the university at risk. This form therefore emphasises risk (reduction & mitigation). *Please provide a more holistic overview of ethical research practices in the research proposal itself.*

Do read the question HELP bubbles (*i*) which assist with interpreting questions. Applications without enough pertinent information have to be returned, wasting valuable time. For further guidance, see the Education Faculty Ethics Guidelines and Requirements, available here.

Use this form for **Education Staff Low and Medium Risk applications** and all **Education Student Research.**

For **High Risk Staff Research** applications, please use the Human Ethics form. To select another form, return to the Home screen, select Create Project and select the relevant form.

Applications for Renewals also require a different form.

NAVIGATING THE FORM

Please use the Actions in the left-hand panel to navigate the form.

Alternatively, if your screen is small, click on the three small horizontal bars in the top left-hand of the black horizontal bar.

Use the **NEXT, PREVIOUS** and **NAVIGATE** arrows to move between pages of the form.

The screen **help bubble** (**?**) in the top right-hand corner of each screen provides information about the functions within the page you are on. Please use this resource.

Click **SUBMIT** once all questions have been answered.

Once you have submitted you will receive an email confirming submission of your application.

TO CONTINUE, click on the NEXT arrow.

Identification

Title of proposed research

...

Principal Investigator Details

Title

First Name

Surname

PI Contactable Email

PI Contactable Phone Number

Is the Principal Investigator the same person as the Researcher?

○ Yes

◉ No

Supervisor Details (Where Applicable)

Title

First Name

Surname

Contactable Phone Number

Contactable Email

Student Number

TO CONTINUE, click on the NEXT arrow.

Application Type

Application type

PhD study ▾

Please upload the research proposal and instruments as ONE document.

Department or Unit

Please Select... ▾

Is the study part of a larger project?

○ Yes

○ No

Which other researchers should be covered under this clearance?

TO CONTINUE, click on the NEXT arrow.

Context

Field of Study (e.g. Inclusive Education)

Intended estimated **start date** and completion date of the research

Summary of proposed research (Abstract summarising the research objectives, setting, methods and research participants. In 200 words or less)

What are the potential **benefits** of the research?

[ ]

How will the benefits be **shared**?

[ ]

TO CONTINUE, click on the NEXT arrow.

Ethical practices and risks

Does the proposed research involve any human participants?

○ Yes

○ No

Choose the **risk level** of the proposed research from the given categories and definitions in the Help bubble.

| Please Select... ▼ |

Describe any significant ethical issues or risks associated with the research **location**, why they could not be avoided, and how they will be managed.

[ ]

Is **permission** to conduct the research required from a ('gatekeeper') organisation? (e.g. participants' employer, Education Department or University Registrar)

○ No

○ Yes, but a waiver is requested

○ Yes

Researcher Positionality and Conflict of Interest: Please declare any conflict of interest and provide a consideration of how your particular position in the study, may influence it.

[ ]

Information Management and Dissemination

How will data and the private details of individuals or organisations (not already in the public domain) be stored?

How will data and private details be protected from unauthorized distribution and use?

How will it be available for verification if needed?

TO CONTINUE, click on the NEXT arrow.

Declaration

In the case of student research, the Supervisor MUST sign the declaration to indicate that they approve of the submission.

Please click REQUEST and insert your Supervisor's Rhodes email address.

Students may not sign the declarations.

I, as the lead researcher or research supervisor, hereby undertake to ensure that all changes to the proposed research required by and agreed with the Education Faculty Ethics Chair will be made prior to the commencement of the research. I also undertake to notify the Chair of any amendments to the proposed study that may change the risk level.

IMPORTANT:

Once the application has been signed the form will automatically be submitted.

You will receive a confirmation email that the application has been submitted.

To check the status of your application, return to the HOME screen (tab in top black horizontal bar).