Ethics and Academic Research

A Webinar
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What this webinar is about
Conducting academic research to the highest ethical standards is essential for both the researcher personally and the university or institution at which he or she is working. If the highest standards of ethical behaviour are not maintained, then the researcher and the university or institution can easily fall into disrepute.

In recent years it has become more challenging to conduct quality academic research. There are several reasons for this, one of which is the need to have Ethics Protocol approval before the research can begin.

The issue of ethics is now virtually ubiquitous in academic research. Some universities claim that all research raises ethical issues, although it is difficult to see how such a blanket claim could be correct. University codes of ethics can be extensive, addressing issues such as what should be and should not be researched; how the research should be conducted; how researchers should work with each other; how the research should be written up, to mention only a few issues.

Universities have become more conscious of ethical issues and more concerned about their responsibilities in this respect. To this end numerous Research Ethics Committees (RECs) and research ethics policies and procedures have been set up. Although each university has its own procedures with respect to Ethics Committees and how a researcher can obtain ethics approval for his or her research, they generally follow the same basic principles.

This webinar will help the academic researcher find his or her way through the ethics maze,

This one and a half-hour webinar has the following objectives:
1. Explain the necessity of ethics protocols.
2. Discuss what is necessary to obtain ethics approval.
3. Map out how to ensure that research follows ethical principles.
4. Explain the other important issue which keep the research on an ethical footing.

This webinar delivers practical useful information which may be put to use immediately. It is relevant to academics from most Faculties, Departments and Schools. It also gives participants an opportunity to network with other researchers and authors.

The webinar will be held on Thursday 8 July 2021, and it will run to GMT +1 time using Zoom. The Zoom Room will open at 2:15 pm and the event will begin at 2:30 pm and will finish at 4:00 pm. The attendance fee is £20. Fees include an e-Pub copy of Ethics Protocols and Research Ethics Committees which may be viewed at:


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Webinar Outline

Ethics and academe
Ethics for academic research
Maturity, sensitivity and integrity
What is an Ethics Protocol and why is it important?

Designing the research
  - When to start the application
  - Getting the application going
  - Supporting documents
  - Risk benefit analysis

Research Participants’ Information Document
  - Letter of Informed Consent
  - Letter of Consent to Record an Interview
  - Letter of Consent for photographs or video

Intellectual property rights

Research processes
  - Contacting informants
  - Relationships with informants and collaborators
  - Complete transparency
  - Potential conflicts
  - Storing and using data
  - The data protection laws

Plagiarism

Outsourcing including Ghost writing

Relationships with other researchers
  - Collegiality versus privacy
  - The predatory journal

Discipline
  - Good intentions are not enough

Amendments to the original ethics application

Certifying your research

Webinar Facilitator

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