



Human Research Ethics Committees

NOTICE TO RESEARCHERS AND STUDENT RESEARCHERS WHO NEED APPROVAL FROM UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA AND ACT HEALTH HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES

We are pleased to announce that from March 2015 there will be a streamlined process for researchers and student researchers requiring ethics approval from these two committees.

The new process is as follows:

1. Submit application to either ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee (ACTH HREC) or to ACT Health Low-Risk Sub-Committee (LRSC) on the forms available on the ACT Health HREC website.
2. Submissions to the ACTH HREC will require a research plan or protocol. Suggested templates are available on the ACTH HREC website.
3. Participant Information and Consent forms are to reference approval from ACTH HREC and provide contact details for the secretariat office (see ACTH HREC website).
4. Once approved by ACTH HREC or LRSC, submit the same documentation together with a copy of the approval letter to the University of Canberra (UC) HREC for expedited cross-institutional approval.

For researchers who have inadvertently completed UC HREC forms before submitting to ACTH HREC or LRSC, these two committees will accept the UC application forms with additional information provided using the ACTH HREC application cover sheet.

Application forms, templates and additional information are available on both ACTH and UC websites. Queries can be directed to the committee secretaries.

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We hope that these new arrangements will simplify processes for researchers and student researchers and avoid duplication of effort in filling out forms.

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