



Basic and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee (BaSSREC) Application for ethical approval: No-risk studies

Please read the Ethical Clearance Guidelines for Researchers before completing this form. Complete all sections of this form and attach all necessary documents as indicated – incomplete applications will not be reviewed and may delay the approval process. Please feel free to contact the BaSSREC secretariat (BaSSREC-admin@nwu.ac.za) for more information or further assistance or advice in this regard.

Instructions and recommended path for the completion of your ethics application:

- The completed short ethics application should be submitted along with supporting documents stated below to BaSSREC.
- All applications must be signed by the student/applicant, the supervisor (where applicable) and the scientific committee director or school director (honours applications).
- All applications must be signed and submitted in Electronic Format.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- The following documents should be submitted along with a no-risk application:
 - a. Signed BaSSREC short application form
 - b. Scientific committee letter stating that the proposal was reviewed and accepted and that the committee deem this study no-risk and therefore request for Ethics approval
 - c. Proof that the applicant/student and their supervisor have completed one of the suggested research ethics training sessions.

Section A: Project /Study Details

Title, initials, surname:

Student or staff number:

School or research unit:

Telephone:

Cell phone:

Email:

First Application

Resubmission

Project/ study title:

Supervisor/ Primary investigator:

Honours

Masters

PhD

Staff project

Funding (if applicable):

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Purpose statement/aims and objectives/hypotheses:

Overview of research design:

Start date:

End date:

Section B: Risk Level Assessment

Yes No

1. Does the study involve any contact with human participants?
2. Does the study include the observation of people in a public space without any interaction with the researcher and where the persons being observed do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy?
3. Does the study rely exclusively on the secondary use of anonymous information?
4. Does the study rely exclusively on publicly available information or information accessible through legislation or regulation (including literature)?
5. Does this study involve the study of a work of art or music?
6. Does the study involve participants who are vulnerable?
7. Will students or staff members of the NWU be participants?
8. Will the study require the co-operation of a gatekeeper?
9. Will it be necessary for participants to take part in the study without their knowledge and consent at the time?
10. Will the study involve discussion of or questions about a sensitive topic?
11. Could the study induce physical, psychological or social stress or anxiety or cause harm or negative consequences beyond the risks encountered in normal life?
12. Will financial inducements (other than reasonable expenses and compensation for time) or inducements of any other kind be offered to participants?
13. Could the image of the NWU, the relevant academic department, your employer, or any other institution however affected by/involved in the project be negatively affected by this research or put in a bad light?

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Candidate

Name and Surname:

Signature

Supervisor

Name and Surname:

Signature:

Research director/School director

Name and Surname:

Signature:

BaSSREC Office

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