



Research Ethics and Data Protection Form

University of Malta staff, students, or anyone else planning to carry out research under the auspices of the University, must complete this form. The UM may also consider requests for ethics and data protection review by External Applicants.

Ahead of completing this online form, please read carefully the University of Malta [Research Code of Practice](#) and the University of Malta [Research Ethics Review Procedures](#). Any breach of the Research Code of Practice or untruthful replies in this form will be considered a serious disciplinary matter. It is advisable to download a full digital version of the form to familiarise yourself with its contents (<https://www.um.edu.mt/research/ethics/resources/umdocuments/>). You are also advised to refer to the FAQs (<https://www.um.edu.mt/research/ethics/faqs>).

Part 1: Applicant and Project Details

Applicant Details

Name: FACULTY

Surname: RESEARCH AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Email: research-ethics.ms@um.edu.mt

Applicant Status: Student

Please indicate if you form part of a Faculty, Institute, School or Centre: *

Department: *

Principal Supervisor's Name: *

Principal Supervisor's Email: *

Co-Supervisor's Name:

Study Unit Code: *

Course Title: *

Student Number: *

Project Details

Title of Research Project: *

Project description, including research question/statement and method, in brief: *

Will project involve collection of primary data from human participants? No

Will project involve collection of primary data from animals? No

Part 2: Self Assessment and Relevant Details

Human Participants

1. Risk of harm to participants: No / N.A.

2. Physical intervention: No / N.A.

3. Vulnerable participants: No / N.A.

4. Identifiable participants: No / N.A.

5. Special Categories of Personal Data (SCPD): No / N.A.

6. Human tissue/samples: No / N.A.

7. Withheld info assent/consent: No / N.A.

8. 'opt-out' recruitment: No / N.A.

9. Deception in data generation: No / N.A.

10. Incidental findings: No / N.A.

Unpublished secondary data

11. Human: No / N.A.

12. Animal: No / N.A.

13. No written permission: No / N.A.

Animals

14. Live animals, lasting harm: No / N.A.

15. Live animals, harm: No / N.A.

16. Source of dead animals, illegal: No / N.A.

General Considerations

17. Cooperating institution: No / N.A.

18. Risk to researcher/s: No / N.A.

19. Risk to environment: No / N.A.

20. Commercial sensitivity: No / N.A.

Other Potential Risks

21. Other potential risks: No / N.A.

22. Official statement: Do you require an official statement from the F/REC that this submission has abided by the UM's REDP procedures?

No / N.A.

Part 3: Submission

Which F/REC are you submitting to? *

Attachments:

- Information and/or recruitment letter*
- Consent forms (adult participants)*
- Consent forms for legally responsible parents/guardians, in case of minors and/or adults unable to give consent*
- Assent forms in case of minors and/or adults unable to give consent*
- Data collection tools (interview questions, questionnaire etc.)
- Data Management Plan
- Data controller permission in case of use of unpublished secondary data
- Licence/permission to use research tools (e.g. constructs/tests)
- Any permits required for import or export of materials or data
- Letter granting institutional approval for access to participants
- Institutional approval for access to data
- Letter granting institutional approval from person directly responsible for participants
- Other

Please feel free to add a cover note or any remarks to F/REC

Declarations: *

- I hereby confirm having read the University of Malta Research Code of Practice and the University of Malta Research Ethics Review Procedures.
- I hereby confirm that the answers to the questions above reflect the contents of the research proposal and that the information provided above is truthful.
- I hereby give consent to the University Research Ethics Committee to process my personal data for the purpose of evaluating my request, audit and other matters related to this application. I understand that I have a right of access to my personal data and to obtain the rectification, erasure or restriction of processing in accordance with data protection law and in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679, repealing Directive 95/46/EC) and national legislation that implements and further specifies the relevant provisions of said Regulation.

Applicant Signature: *

Date of Submission: * 23/02/2024

If applicable: Date collection start date

If a submitted application needs to be amended, it can be withdrawn, edited, and resubmitted, and it will retain the same reference number. There is no need to submit a new application.