

External Research Ethics Guidance

Researchers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with external research ethics guidance to help them consider the potential ethical issues of their project. The below list includes information from external bodies that covers guidance on good conduct and governance relating to a multitude of specific types of research.

British Psychological Society (BPS)

- **Code of Human Research Ethics**
<https://www.bps.org.uk/guideline/bps-code-human-research-ethics>
→ Framework for conducting ethical psychological research involving human participants.
 - **Ethics Guidelines for Internet-mediated Research**
<https://www.bps.org.uk/guideline/ethics-guidelines-internet-mediated-research>
→ Guidance for conducting ethical online and digital data collection research.
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UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)

- **Internet-mediated research guidance (PDF)**
<https://ukrio.org/wp-content/uploads/UKRIO-Guidance-Note-Internet-Mediated-Research-v1.0.pdf>
→ Advice on ethical challenges of online/digital research.
 - **Code of Practice for Research**
<https://ukrio.org/ukrio-resources/publications/code-of-practice-for-research/>
→ Standards for research integrity, covering planning, conduct, and reporting.
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UKRI (UK Research and Innovation)

- **Ethical research and innovation (Good Research Resource Hub)**
<https://www.ukri.org/manage-your-award/good-research-resource-hub/ethical-research-and-innovation/>
→ UKRI's overarching ethical principles for research and innovation.
- **Research ethics guidance (ESRC, UKRI)**
<https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/research-ethics->

[guidance/](#)

→ ESRC's framework for ethical social science research.

- **MRC Ethics and Approvals guidance**

<https://www.ukri.org/publications/mrc-guidance-for-applicants/ethics-and-approvals/>

→ Requirements for ethical approval in MRC-funded research.

- **MRC Ethics Series**

<https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/mrc/our-policies-and-standards/ethics/>

→ Detailed papers on ethics topics (children, human tissue, global research, etc.).

Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS)

- **Policy (ethics-related reports and guidance)**

<https://acmedsci.ac.uk/policy>

→ Publishes reports on ethical issues in biomedicine and clinical research governance.

British Heart Foundation (BHF)

- **Guidelines for researchers conducting clinical trials**

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/managing-your-grant/guidelines-for-researchers-conducting-clinical-trials>

→ Ethical approval and governance requirements for BHF-funded clinical trials.

Cancer Research UK (CRUK)

- **Research involving humans policy**

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/for-researchers/apply-for-and-manage-your-funding/research-policies-and-guidance/research-involving-humans-policy>

→ Requires REC approval for all research involving human participants.

- **Guidelines for scientific conduct**

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/for-researchers/apply-for-and-manage-your-funding/research-policies-and-guidance/guidelines-for-scientific-conduct>

→ Expectations for integrity, accountability, and good conduct.

Diabetes UK

- **Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) guidance**
<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/our-research/for-researchers/applying-for-funding/patient-and-public-involvement>
→ Promotes ethical and inclusive research by requiring meaningful patient involvement.
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European Research Council (ERC)

- **Ethics guidance for projects**
<https://erc.europa.eu/manage-your-project/ethics-guidance>
→ ERC's ethics review, compliance, and approval framework.
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Kidney Research UK

- **Regulations and Conditions (requires ethical approval) [PDF]**
<https://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Regulations-and-Conditions-202204.pdf>
→ Funded research ethical approval guidance.
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Medical Research Council (MRC — also under UKRI)

- **Ethics Series and guidance**
<https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/mrc/our-policies-and-standards/ethics/>
→ Detailed guidance on ethics in biomedical and clinical research.
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National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

- **Ethics and regulatory requirements**
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/ethics-and-regulatory-requirements-for-research/16480>
→ UK regulatory requirements and REC approval process for NIHR research.
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Research England

- **Supporting research integrity**
<https://re.ukri.org/who-we-are/research-integrity/>
→ Promotes adherence to the UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity.
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Royal Academy of Engineering

- **Ethics and Statement of Ethical Principles**
<https://raeng.org.uk/policy-and-resources/education-policy/the-engineering-profession/global-responsibility-and-progressive-engineering-leadership/ethics/>
→ Ethical principles for engineers and engineering research.
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Royal Society

- **Research culture (includes research integrity & ethics)**
<https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/research-culture/>
→ Promotes integrity, reproducibility, and ethical responsibility in science.
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Wellcome Trust

- **Research involving human participants policy**
<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/policies-grant-conditions/research-involving-human-participants-policy>
→ Requires REC approval for all research with human participants.
- **Responsible Conduct of Research policy**
<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/policies-grant-conditions/responsible-conduct-research>
→ Standards for integrity and accountability.
- **Clinical trials policy**
<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/guidance/policies-grant-conditions/clinical-trials-policy>
→ Requirements for ethics approval, registration, and transparency in trials.