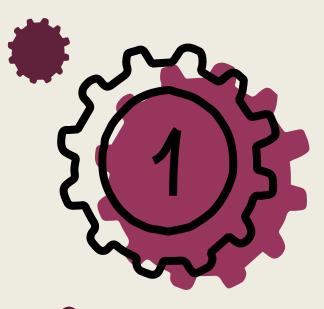
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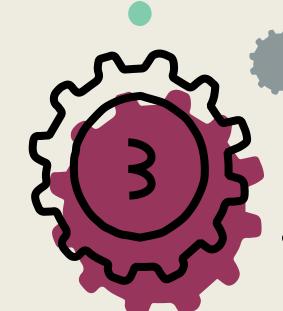
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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES (RECS)

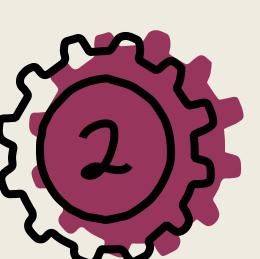
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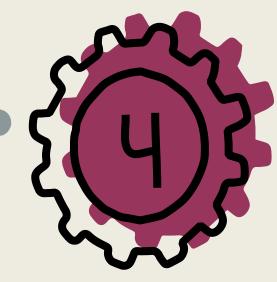
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REC: SBER –
RESEARCH ETHICS
COMMITTEE: SOCIAL
SCIENCES, BEHAVIOURAL
& EDUCATION RESEARCH



REC: BES - RESEARCH
ETHICS COMMITTEE:
BIOLOGICAL &
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY



HREC - HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES 1 & 2

DO I NEED ETHICS CLEARANCE FROM MORE THAN ONE COMMITTEE FOR MY STUDY?

Generally, research projects are submitted only to a single REC. However, there are instances where, due to the nature of the study, a study may be subject to different regulatory compliance frameworks, and thus need review by more than one REC.

Please feel free to discuss your project with a representative of the REC to determine whether approval by another REC might be required and to not delay the process of obtaining ethics approval.



WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF EACH REC?

Research Ethics Committees at SU have distinct mandates for the review of ethics considerations in research, & are constituted in terms of legislation and regulations, and in compliance with national and international ethics guidelines.



is mandated to review research and teaching activities that involve the use of live, non-human vertebrates and higher invertebrates such as advanced members of the Cephalopoda and Decapoda, including eggs, foetuses and embryos (where development of an integrated nervous system is evident).



reviews research that is potentially hazardous to humans, animals, or the environment (such as research that may involve work related to recombinant DNA, pathogens and infectious agents, biological toxins or engineered nanomaterials).



(and sub-committee Undergraduate Research Ethics Committee (UREC)) reviews research protocols to ensure compliance in the protection of human participant safety, rights, and welfare in health research. UREC is responsible for ethics review of research undertaken by undergraduate and Honours students whilst HREC manages submissions from postgraduate students and staff.



reviews research that involves human participation in social science, behavioural, economic and education disciplines.

Who do I contact for further information?

If you have any questions regarding which committee to submit your study to, please contact one of the following representatives who can answer your questions **before** you submit an application. The RECs each have different application forms that are designed to obtain the specific information that the relevant committee must review and report on, so your application cannot simply be rerouted

- REC: ACU Research Ethics Committee: Animal Care and Use Mr Winston Beukes | wabeukes@sun.ac.za
- **REC: BES Research Ethics Committee: Biological & Environmental Safety**Mr Winston Beukes | wabeukes@sun.ac.za
- REC: SBER Research Ethics Committee: Social Science, Behavioural & Education Research Ms Melody Shana | melodys@sun.ac.za
- HREC Health Research Ethics Committees 1 & 2
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