



## HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (HREC) FEE STRUCTURE 2026

### INDUSTRY-SPONSORED RESEARCH

Item	Description	Price (VAT&ICRR incl)
New application	Pharmaceutical / Industry driven company sponsors an investigator to conduct a new research project	R39 970
Extension / Roll-over study / Sub-study	Project is extended; study rolls over to open label; re-evaluation of protocol for continuation; sub-study	R24 010
Annual re-certification / Progress report	Annual evaluation of research progress report for re-certification	R4 980
Protocol amendment - Major	Any change to the protocol that requires full committee approval	R8 050
Protocol amendment - Minor	Minor amendment; administrative change; typographical change to protocol, budget change or change to the contract; minor	R3 030
Informed consent amendment	technical Any change to the content of the original informed consent form	R3 030
Additional investigator	Any additional investigator (per investigator)	R1 490

### INTERNATIONAL GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH

Item	Description	Price Vat Incl
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget > R10m)	R30 150
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget > R5m)	R19 910
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget R1m to R5m)	R13 570
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget R500 000 to R1m )	R7 100
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget R100 000 to R500 000)	R3 630
New application	International grant funded research (Total project budget < R100 000)	R1 610
Extension / Roll-over study	Project is extended; study rolls over to open label; re-evaluation of protocol for continuation	R1 670
Annual re-certification / Progress report	Annual evaluation of research progress report for re-certification	R1 670
Protocol amendment - Major	Any change to the protocol that requires full committee approval	R1 670
Protocol amendment - Minor	Small amendments, administrative changes that do not affect study design	R1 210
Informed consent amendment	Any change to the content of the original informed consent form	R1 210
Additional investigator	Any additional investigator (per investigator)	R850

### NATIONAL GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH (NRF, MRC, CSIR, etc.)

New application	National grant funded research (Total project budget > R1m)	R9 070
New application	National grant funded research (Total project budget R500 000 to R1m)	R4 850
New application	National grant funded research (Total project budget R100 000 to R500 000)	R2 420
New application	National grant funded research (Total project budget < R100 000)	R1 210
Extension / Roll-over study / Sub-study	Project is extended; study rolls over to open label; re-evaluation of protocol for continuation; sub-study	R1 210
Protocol amendment - Major	Any change to the protocol that requires full committee approval	R1 210
Informed consent amendment	Any change to the informed consent that requires full committee approval	R850



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## HREC REVIEW FEES

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1) HREC has a graded administrative fee structure in place, which is revised annually.
- 2) Non-sponsored student projects for degree purposes, self-funded projects, projects funded solely from a Stellenbosch University Departmental budget, and Harry Crossley research are exempt from fees.
- 3) *Payment instruction form: clinical trial* or *Payment instruction form: health/human research* can be accessed from our website: [www.sun.ac.za/rds/](http://www.sun.ac.za/rds/)
- 4) HREC reserves the right to not review a research application, or to withhold an HREC letter, if administrative fees are outstanding.
- 5) The HREC will consider a well-motivated written request for reduction of fees. A decision will be made and communicated to the researcher in writing. Decisions taken should be viewed as final.

### PAYMENT PROCESS:

#### INDUSTRY-SPONSORED CLINICAL TRIALS

1. Submit a completed and signed *Payment instruction form: clinical trial* along with your application for a new project, progress report, amendment etc.
2. You/your sponsor will receive an HREC invoice.
3. Payment reference: **"invoice number"**
4. Please submit proof of payment to Ms Lauren Abrahams [labrahams@sun.ac.za](mailto:labrahams@sun.ac.za)

#### INTERNATIONAL (A) AND NATIONAL (B) GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH

##### Stellenbosch University applicants

1. Submit a completed and signed *Payment instruction form: health/human research* **AND** proof of payment/internal requisition number along with your HREC application for a new project, progress report, amendment etc.
2. Interdepartmental requisitions are payable to: **IDO00035**
3. Payment reference:
  - a. New project application: **"Principal Investigator's surname and initials"**
  - b. Progress report, Amendment, etc.: **"Principal Investigator's surname and initials and "Ethics reference number"/Project Id No**
4. Research applications with outstanding HREC review fees will not enter the review process.

##### External applicants

1. Submit a completed and signed *Payment instruction form: health/human research* along with your HREC application for a new project, progress report, amendment etc.
2. You will receive an HREC invoice.
3. Payment reference: **"invoice number"**
4. Research applications with outstanding HREC review fees will not receive their HREC letter.

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