

ETHICS APPLICATION SUBMISSION CLOSING DATES & REVIEW MEETING DATES FOR 2026

NB: The dates below apply only to [medium or high-risk](#) applications.

Low-risk applications are reviewed on a first-in, first-out basis and do not have fixed submission dates (apart from the final deadline on 1 Sep '26).

SUBMISSION CLOSING DATES: <i>Only for medium or high-risk applications</i>	REVIEW MEETING DATES: <i>Only for medium or high-risk applications</i>
15 January	19 February
19 February	26 March
26 March	30 April
23 April	28 May
21 May	25 June
18 June	23 July
23 July	27 August
19 August	23 September
1 September	29 October

GUIDELINES FOR FESC's/DESC's:

1) Medium and High-risk applications must be submitted to the FESC on or before the FESC submission closing date. Late submissions will stand over to the next scheduled meeting.

The dates listed above are ONLY applicable to [medium or high-risk](#) applications.

2) For low-risk applications there are no fixed submission dates. These applications are reviewed on a first-in, first-out basis, and the final submission deadline is 1 Sep'26.

3) Please allow enough time for the FESC & REC review process. Researchers may not commence with recruitment and data collection until ethics clearance is confirmed by the FESC (for low-risk projects) or the REC (for medium or high-risk projects).

4) The REC (and by extension the FESC) cannot grant ethics clearance retrospectively.

5) For general enquiries and advice about the FESC process, please contact Ms Tanya Ficker (tanya@sun.ac.za / 021 808 9403)