



## Research Ethics Committee

### Ethical Approval Form

This form should be completed and returned to the Secretary of the Research Ethics Committee, for any research project, or routine investigation involving human participants or animals to be undertaken at SINU or by SINU staff.

**NAME OF APPLICANT:**

**DEPARTMENT:**

**1. Title of the project:**

**2. Brief outline of the project, including its purpose:**

**3. Proposed starting date:**

**4. Has the project been or will be approved by an Ethics Committee external to SINU? If so please specify.**

**5. Please provide an ethical self-evaluation of the proposed research. Reference should be made to the standard ethics procedures in the field of studies, to professional guidelines or to guidelines by government on ethical practice and research.**

**6. State the variables to be studied, topics to be investigated, procedures to be used and/or the measurements to be made. (Please attach a separate sheet if necessary)**

**7. Specify the number of and type of participant(s) likely to be involved.**

**8. State the likely duration of the project and where it will be undertaken.**

**9. State the potential adverse consequences to the participant(s), or particular groups of people, if any, and what precautions are to be taken.**

**10. State any procedures which may cause discomfort, distress or harm to the participant(s), or particular groups of people, and the degree of discomfort or distress likely to be entailed.**

**11. State how the participant(s) will be recruited. (Please attach copies of any recruiting materials if used).**

**12. State if the participant(s) will be paid, and if so, provide details and state reasons for payment.**

**13. State the manner in which the participant(s) consent will be obtained (if written, please include a copy of the intended consent form).**

**13a. Will the participant(s) be fully informed about the nature of the project and of what they will be required to do?**

**13b. Is there any deception involved?**

**13c. Will the participant(s) be told they can withdraw from participation at any time, if they wish?**

**13d. If the participant(s) are young persons under the age of 18 years or 'vulnerable persons' (e.g. with learning difficulties or with severe cognitive disability), how will consent be given (i.e. from the participant themselves or**

from a third party such as a parent or guardian) and how will assent to the research be asked for?

**14. Will the data be confidential?**

**14a. Will the data be anonymous?**

**14b. How will the data remain confidential?**

**14c. How long will the data be stored? And how will it be eventually destroyed?**

**15. Will research place the investigators in situations of harm, injury or criminality?**

**16. Will the research cause harm or damage to bystanders or the immediate environment?**

**16. Are there any conflicts of interest regarding the investigation and dissemination of the research (e.g. with regard to compromising independence or objectivity due to financial gain)?**

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**Please note that the Committee should be notified of any adverse or unforeseen circumstances arising out of this study.**

**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

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**Please note that the Research Ethics Committee should be notified of any adverse or unforeseen circumstances arising out of this study or of any emerging ethical concerns that the lead investigator may have about the research once it has commenced.**

**Signature of the Chair of the Committee**

**Date**

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