

RESEARCH ETHICS

The Cape Peninsula University of Technology has a rapidly developing research identity. All research undertaken in the health and wellness sciences, that involves human participation, must be underpinned by the core value of human rights. All research using animals must be justified and humane. Furthermore the consideration of the impact of and research on the environment is an imperative.

To this end the Health and Wellness Sciences Research Ethics Committee (HWS-REC) has dynamic guidelines and procedure documents to guide research at this institution. These documents include:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RESEARCH ETHICS (HWS-REC 2.1)

CODE OF ETHICS FOR BIOSAFETY (HWS-REC 3.2)

CODE OF ETHICS FOR RESEARCH ON HUMAN PARTICIPANTS
(HWS-REC 3.1)

All researchers, students and supervisors are advised to read these documents. Where the research involves human subjects or laboratory animals, the researcher (staff member or postgraduate student) must apply to the HWS-REC on the application form, HUMAN PARTICIPANTS' REVIEW APPLICATION (HWS-REC 4.1). Application to the HWS-REC follows approval of the research by the Faculty Research Committee. Research can only commence once Faculty and Ethics approval is confirmed.

Upholding ethical standards is an essential element of research at CPUT. This will in part be facilitated through the critical evaluation of ethical principles applied to each research project and in part by all researchers at this institution practising within the framework of the 'conscious moral agent'.

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