



## HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

### Low Risk Review Checklist

Please complete the checklist below to ascertain whether your research project would be eligible for low risk ethical review by your School Research Committee [SRC] . Student researchers must review the completed checklist with their supervisors. If you answer "YES" to any items in the checklist your project would normally **not be eligible** for low risk review (unless you can make a Special Case) and you should complete a Full Ethics Clearance form and submit it via your SRC for full review to the Human Research Ethics Committee. **Please note that time constraints are not an acceptable reason for seeking low risk review where projects are of more than everyday risk.**

Project Title

Researcher Name

School

#### 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Is the research being funded by an agency outside the University which requires Human Research Ethics Committee approval involving community representation?  YES  NO

Does the project involve waiving of consent for research using personal information in medical research or personal health information?  YES  NO

Does the research involve indigenous people, directly or indirectly?  YES  NO

**If you have answered "YES" to any of these questions you must complete a full ethics application form for review by the Human Research Ethics Committee.**

#### 2. RISK ASSESSMENT

##### A. *Are any of the following topics to be covered in part or in whole?*

- research about parenting  YES  NO
- research investigating sensitive personal issues  YES  NO
- research investigating sensitive cultural issues  YES  NO
- explorations of grief, death or serious/traumatic loss  YES  NO
- depression, mood states, anxiety  YES  NO
- gambling  YES  NO
- eating disorders  YES  NO
- illicit drug taking  YES  NO
- substance abuse  YES  NO
- self report of criminal behaviour  YES  NO
- any psychological disorder  YES  NO

- suicide  YES  NO
- gender identity  YES  NO
- sexuality  YES  NO
- race or ethnic identity  YES  NO
- any disease or health problem  YES  NO
- fertility  YES  NO
- termination of pregnancy  YES  NO

**B. Are any of the following procedures to be employed?**

- use of personal data obtained from Commonwealth or State Gov. Dept./Agency  YES  NO
- deception of participants  YES  NO
- concealing the purposes of the research  YES  NO
- covert observation  YES  NO
- audio or visual recording without consent  YES  NO
- recruitment via a third party or agency  YES  NO
- withholding from one group specific treatments or methods of learning, from which they may "benefit" (e.g., in medicine or teaching)  YES  NO
- any psychological interventions or treatments  YES  NO
- administration of physical stimulation  YES  NO
- invasive physical procedures  YES  NO
- infliction of pain  YES  NO
- administration of drugs  YES  NO
- administration of other substances  YES  NO
- administration of ionising radiation  YES  NO
- tissue sampling or blood taking  YES  NO
- collecting body fluid  YES  NO
- genetic testing  YES  NO
- use of medical records where participants can be identified or linked  YES  NO
- drug trials and other clinical trials  YES  NO
- administration of drugs or placebos  YES  NO

**C. Other Risks**

- Are there any risks to the researcher, (e.g. emotional distress, research undertaken in unsafe environments or trouble spots)?  YES  NO

**3. PARTICIPANT VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

***Does the research specifically target participants from any of the following groups?***

- suffering a psychological disorder  YES  NO
- suffering a physical vulnerability  YES  NO
- people highly dependent on medical care  YES  NO
- minors without parental or guardian consent  YES  NO
- people whose ability to give consent is impaired  YES  NO
- residents of a custodial institution  YES  NO
- unable to give free informed consent because of difficulties in understanding information statement (e.g. language difficulties)  YES  NO
- members of a socially identifiable group with special cultural or religious needs or political vulnerabilities  YES  NO
- those in dependent relationship with the researchers (eg lecturer/student, doctor/patient, teacher/pupil, professional/client)  YES  NO
- participants able to be identified in any final report when specific consent for this has not been given  YES  NO

