Research Ethics Sub-Committee – Terms of Reference

2024-2025

Parent body

Research and Enterprise Committee

Purpose

The core functions of the Research Ethics Sub-Committee (RESC) are:
   i) to provide an opinion on applications for ethical approval submitted by academic staff where the applications are designated as medium or high risk;
   ii) to keep under review and make recommendations on the University's research ethics procedures and related guidance; and
   iii) to provide support and advice to academic staff on matters related to research ethics and integrity.

Terms of Reference

Authority

The Research Ethics Sub-Committee shall have delegated authority from the Research and Enterprise Committee to:

1. Provide an opinion (favourable or otherwise) on applications for ethical approval submitted by academic staff across the University, where the applications are designated as medium or high risk.
2. Review at each termly meeting a list of all applications approved by RESC since the previous meeting and discuss any wider issues which have arisen.
3. Periodically undertake a review of low-risk projects led by staff which have been granted ethical approval by academic schools.
4. Keep under review and make recommendations to REC on the University's research ethics procedures and related guidance.
5. Engage collaboratively with academic schools, the Graduate School and the Research Governance and Compliance Sub-Committee, also reporting to REC,

to ensure that the processes governing research across the University are robust, aligned, based on best practice, and compliance-driven.

6. Raise awareness of research ethics and integrity amongst academic staff across the University.

Membership

Composition	Member	Term
Academic Lead for Research, Ethics and Compliance (Chair)	Dr Panagiotis Pentaris	Ex-officio
One nominated research ethics lead per academic subject area (nominations are for a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years)	Dr Kuldip Kaur [Anthropology]	to 2027
	Professor Andrew Renton [Art]	to 2026
	Dr Akshi Kumar [Computing]	to 2027
	Professor Alex Wilkie [Design]	to 2026
	Dr Richard Crownshaw [ECW]	to 2026
	Dr Andrew Wilkins [Education]	to 2026
	Dr Kesewa John [History]	to 2026
	Dr Kelly Meng Parnwell [ICCE	to 2026
	Dr Tiziana Foresti [IMS]	to 2026
	Vacant [Law]	
	Professor Mirca Madianou [MCCS]	to 2027
	Professor Holly Rogers [Music]	to 2027
	Dr Kesewa John [Politics and IR]	to 2026
	Dr Maria Del Carmen Herrojo Ruiz [Psychology]	to 2027
	Dr Yesim Yaprak Yildiz [Sociology]	to 2027
	Vacant [STaCS]	
	Dr Ben Levitas [TaP]	to 2027
	Vacant [Visual Culture]	
One external member (appointed for a maximum of three years)	vacant	
A representative of the Research and Knowledge Exchange department	Dr Desislava Stoitchkova	Ex officio
Secretary	Jennie San	

RESC may co-opt additional members to provide areas of specific expertise not offered by the sub-committee's membership, as and when needed. In the absence of the Chair, an alternate can be nominated by the Chair for a particular meeting.

VERSION CONTROL

Full revision of ToR		Research Ethics Sub-

		Committee