

Guidance Notes: School of Law Ethics Applications

The School of Law template should be used only for research projects conducted by students under the supervision of academic staff. The template is NOT to be used for staff projects, **as all members of staff must seek ethical approval via UREC.**

The template covers research that:

- Involves only participants who are non-vulnerable adults who are able to give informed consent
- Will obtain informed consent from all participants
- Does not involve physically invasive procedures
- Does not involve activities that pose a significant risk of causing physical harm or more than mild discomfort
- Does not involve activities that pose a significant risk of causing psychological stress or anxiety,
- Does not require participants to take part in activities that pose a significant risk of having an adverse effect on their personal well-being (e.g. physical and psychological health), social well-being (e.g. social standing, social connectedness) or economic well-being (e.g. employment, employability, professional standing)
- Does not involve collecting or revealing data that enables individuals, groups or organizations to be identified in such a way that they could experience significant negative effects on their personal, social or economic well-being
- Does not involve activities that pose a significant risk of harming the researcher(s)

Students only: If your project fits these criteria please select:

- **Division/School Review for Question A5, followed by the 'School of Law' for Question D5.2** in order to proceed to the School of Law template that will be sent for school review.

If your project does not fit these criteria or you are a member of staff please select:

- **UREC Review for Question A5** to proceed to the UREC application form.

If your project will involve any of the following, you must seek ethical approval via the Health Research Authority (Please return to **Question A2** and change your answer accordingly):

- Involves data from NHS patients,
- Involves data relating to NHS staff that is not limited to non-sensitive questions about their professional role, and
- Involves users of other UK Health Department services.

If you have any queries about the specifics of your project, please contact: the School of Law Ethics Team:

- If you are a member of staff: researchethics.law@manchester.ac.uk
- If you are a student: lawpgr@manchester.ac.uk