

Ethical clearance in practice

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1. Why do you need ethical clearance?

Confidentiality

Maintaining confidentiality of information collected from research participants means that only the investigator(s) or individuals of the research team can identify the responses of individual subjects; however, the researchers must make every effort to prevent anyone outside of the project from connecting individual subjects with their responses.

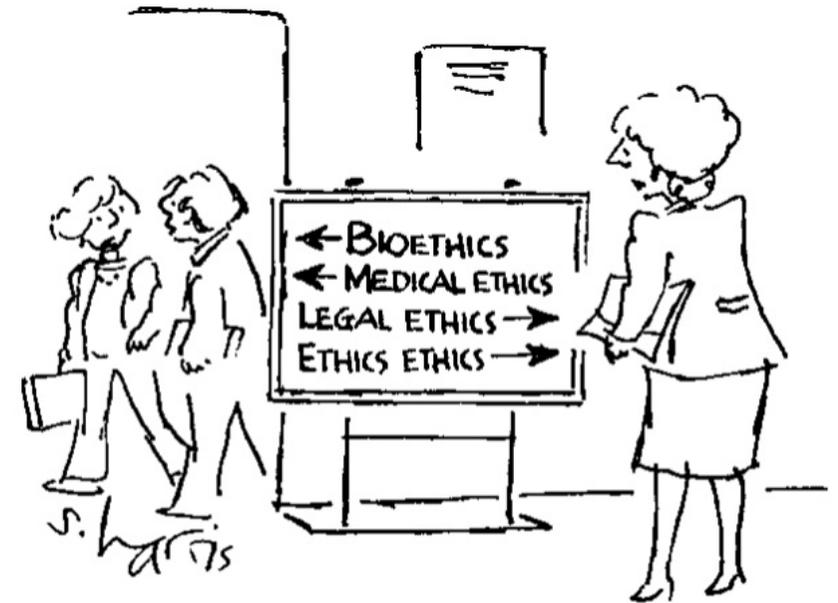
Anonymity

Providing anonymity of information collected from research participants means that either the project does not collect identifying information of individual subjects (e.g., name, address, Email address, etc.), or the project cannot link individual responses with participants' identities. A study should not collect identifying information of research participants unless it is essential to the study protocol.



2. Where to go?

Faculty	Own ethical committee?
Arts and Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Law and Criminology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medicine and Health Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engineering and Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Economics and Business Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Veterinary Medicine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Psychology and Educational Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bioscience Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pharmaceutical Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Political and Social Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



3. Which steps to take

- Identify and contact the relevant committee(s)
! Seek approval in your study country if this one differs from the one you're affiliated
- Seek guidance on rules, submission processes and procedures, committee sitting times, expected timeframe for approval
- Start drafting a formal submission (use templates if available)



Golden rule: start up this process as SOON as possible! You need to receive approval before starting your data collection

4. My own submission

- Sensitive personal and familial information
 - Religiosity questions
 - Family characteristics (income; expenses)
- @ Bimetra and @ Ethiopian Bimetra
- Informed consent
- Protocol
- Questionnaire
- Pretest & changes

Academisch Onderzoek

interventioneel academisch onderzoek

→ [richtlijnen document A](#) 

→ [document A](#) 

retrospectief academisch onderzoek

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academisch prospectief observationeel onderzoek

(enkel gegevensverzameling, afname vragenlijsten/interview)

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scriptie

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→ [richtlijn document E](#) 

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de aanvraag dient vergezeld te zijn van een begeleidende brief

en ontvangstbewijs met vermelding van de bijgevoegde documenten

→ [begeleidende brief](#) 

Industrie gesponsord onderzoek

→ [richtlijnen document A](#) 

→ [document A](#) 



Dear participant,

WELCOME to our survey! We are researchers from the department of Agricultural Economics of Ghent University in Belgium. In this questionnaire, we would like to ask you questions on your **household's milk consumption, production and purchase**. Your participation to this study will give us more insight in how the dairy market functions in Ethiopia.

The survey will take about **20 minutes** to complete.

Your participation is **entirely voluntary** and you are under no obligation to participate. Refusing to participate will not affect you or your family in any way. We would like you to answer as honestly as possible. There are **no right or wrong answers**. We want to emphasize that your responses will be kept **strict confidential** and processed **anonymously**.

If you would have further questions or comments about this study, please contact:

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Are you willing to participate in this study?

- Yes
- No

If No is selected, the questionnaire stops here.

Some interesting readings...

African Social Science Review

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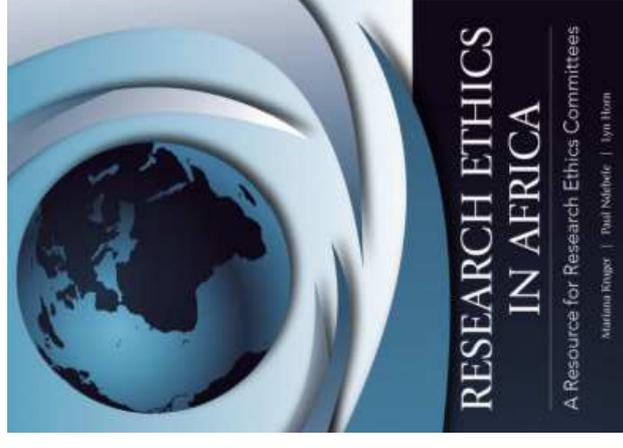
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Ethical challenges in cross-cultural field research: A comparative study of UK and Ghana

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