

Ethics Approval

- Ethics review and approval is the responsibility of the lead/chief investigator (including supervisor of research students).
- Copies of approval letters should be sent to the Research Grants and Contracts Office (RGCO), or in the case of research students, to the Graduate Research School.

Human Research Ethics -Working with "People", this even includes simple things like: making observations about people; surveys, interviews, focus groups.

Animal Ethics-Working with "animals" means vertebrates (including fish), cephalopods (eg squid) and decapods (e.g. crayfish).

Biosafety reviews -Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and bio-hazardous material (e.g. mutagens and teratogens) also includes quarantine (e.g. bringing fruits and soil into WA).

What type of Ethics approval will you need?

[Animal](#)

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Animal Ethics Committees each meet once per month – one reviews lab-animal projects (e/g/ mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits) the other reviews work with other animals (e.g. wildlife, farm animals, companion animals).

[Human](#)

Contact: human-ethics@uwa.edu.au

The [Human Research Ethics Committee](#) (HREC) meet once a month and hold a 'submit by' date prior to each meeting.

Remember, that you should always submit your human research ethics application documents as soon as they are ready, because not all ethics applications need to be reviewed by the HREC.

Should the approval be of an urgent nature, UWA allows staff to contact [Bellberry Limited](#), who hold five committee meetings a month.

[Biosafety](#)

Contact: biosafety-reseach@uwa.edu.au

Genetically Modified Organisms and other biohazards such as human tissue and blood, [carcinogens, mutagens and teratogens](#)

[Defence Trade Controls](#)

[Sharing new ideas with people outside Australia on material listed on the Defence Strategic Goods List.](#)

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For any queries concerning ethics, please contact the Research Ethics and Integrity [Team](#).