

DECLARATION OF ETHICS IN RESEARCH
(modified from Ministry of Education, Singapore)

Title of Project: _____

The project involves/ does not involve human participants (Please delete as appropriate)

NOTE:

A research project that involves human participants requires ethical clearance. Please refer to and ensure compliance with the ethical principles stated in the following section.

Basic principles of Ethical Research

Respect for persons:

Persons should be treated as autonomous individuals, and persons of diminished autonomy are entitled to protection.

Beneficence:

There is an over-riding obligation to maximise possible benefits and minimise possible harms. Researchers should exercise beneficence in assessing the risks of harm and potential benefits to participants, be sensitive to the rights and interests of people involved in their research, and reflect on the social and cultural implications of their work.

Justice:

The question of who ought to receive the benefit of research and bear its burdens should be explicitly addressed.

Considerations in data collection

1.Participants have not been identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects in any reports produced by the study

2.Responses will not place the participants at risk of professional liability or be damaging to the participants' financial standing, employability or reputation

3. No confidential data is being used for personal advantage or that of a third party

Informed consent

4.Consent to participate in the research has been given freely and without coercion

5.Subjects have the capacity to understand the research project

6.Subjects have been given information sheets that are understandable

7.Likely benefits of the research project itself have been explained to potential subjects

8.Risks and benefits of the research project have been explained to potential subjects

9.Consent of the research subject has not been influenced by financial inducement, improper pressure or any form of misrepresentation

10.Research subject has been assured s/he may withdraw at any time from the research without loss of benefit or penalty

11.Special care has been taken where subjects are unable to consent for themselves

Responsibilities to participants

12.Participants have not been subject to any procedure which is reasonably likely to cause physical harm, psychological harm, or enduring educational disadvantage

13.Participants were fully informed of the results at the conclusion of the study

14.The full benefits of the intervention were made available to all participants as part of the outcome of the comparison of programs

Declaration

I have read, understood, and have adhered to the ethical principles described above in the conduct of the research.

Name of Principal Investigator: _____

Signature of Principal Investigator: _____ Date:_____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Declaration

I declare that this research has been conducted in my department/ institution/ under my supervision according to the ethical principles described above.

Name of Head of Department/ Institute/ Supervisor :

Signature of Head of Department/ Institute/ Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Date:_____