

RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE



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STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law is considered the IRB (institutional review board) of the two faculties.
2. The members of the Ethics committee are appointed by the relevant Academic Councils according to the faculty affiliation of the members on recommendation of the Deans of the Faculty of Humanities and the and the Faculty of Law.
3. Appointed members shall serve a term of 3 years.
4. Reappointment of the members of the committee is possible.
5. The Research Ethics Committee shall consist of at least three faculty members with a thorough knowledge of research ethics and good scientific practice. Each of the Faculties must be represented by at least one member in the committee.
6. The decisions regarding assessments shall be made by the case processing members of the committee by simple majority. In cases of equality of votes, the vote of the chairman shall be decisive.
7. The Research Ethics Committee members will decide among themselves, who will chair the committee.
8. The committee shall:
 - (1) review the ethics of all proposals submitted to it for research involving human participants¹, personal data or dealing with other ethical issues

¹ In cases of research involving animals that fall out of the scope of The Animal Experiments Inspectorate the Research Ethics Committee will assess the project ethics.

conducted by Faculty employees, in which case such research must meet the requirements of the Committee;

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- (2) grant ethical approval on behalf of the Faculties if it is satisfied that the research complies with the University's, National and International policies, regulations and procedures on research involving human participants or personal data;
- (3) have the power to withhold, suspend or withdraw approval of research (whether or not the approval was given by anybody established by these regulations) if it is considered to be in contravention of the University's, National or International policies, regulation and procedures on research involving human participants or personal data;

9. The Committee shall on its own

- (1) establish, promote, implement, and keep under review ethical procedures for the consideration, approval, and monitoring of research projects involving human participants or personal data;
- (2) consider any matter of policy concerning the ethical approval of research involving human participants or personal data;
- (3) consider any issues concerning the ethics of research referred to the committee by any other University body.

10. The Committee shall only work within the following remit:

- (1) The Committee shall delimit its activities to cases involving the academic employees of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.
- (2) The Committee shall only advice, assess and approve research within the broad umbrella of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law. Any research conducted involving human participant or methods relating to the field of medicine or other fields outside of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law shall be advised to seek ethical approval from other appropriate Committees.
- (3) The Committee shall establish its assessments on the base of appropriate University, National and International guidelines, codex and legislations, incl. The Singapore Statement on Research Integrity (developed at the 2ndWorld Conference on Research Integrity in 2010), The Montreal Statement on Research Integrity in Cross-Boundary Research

Collaborations (developed at the 3rd World Conference on Research Integrity in 2013), The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (developed by the European Science Foundation and All European Academies in 2011), Declaration of Helsinki (1964), Nuremberg code (1947) The Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation, EU Directive 2016/679) and derived Danish Legislation.

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11. The committee shall upon request report annually the Academic Councils on the matters set out in regulations above.