

Guidelines for Completing an Application for Ethical Review - Generic Approval

Where a number of undergraduate or postgraduate-taught students will be conducting research that is low-risk and of a sufficiently similar nature to be reviewed together, a single ethics application can be submitted for review by the **Module Convenor**. A generic research ethics review covers more than one sufficiently similar research project. There are two types of generic research ethics review:

Type 1, in which, at a particular stage in their course, a cohort of students undertakes the same research exercise involving human participants. These research projects are training exercises as part of an educational programme, such as a research methods course. Examples might be training in qualitative interview techniques, which involves the students interviewing fellow classmates, or family and friends. The topic of the interview must not involve any sensitive subjects and be considered very low risk.

Type 2, in which students undertake slightly different research projects that are very low risk, and

the request for generic research ethics review covers research projects that are sufficiently similar in terms of the parameters outlined above, and that they constitute low risk research.

Despite the above, supervisors, course leaders or research directors responsible for