

Ethics Approval for Education Research Projects

Process Guide

Tip: Go to this link first <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/educationethics>

It will help you decide whether your project needs ethical approval and who you should approach:

1

No need for formal review

You *may* not need full ethics review if your project is definitely evaluation or audit for use only to inform faculty or course development. Discuss with supervisors. If you intend to publish your work, journal editors will often require evidence of ethical review or evidence that you were advised that there was no need for full review.

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Education Ethics Review Process (EERP)

for low-risk projects (usually for research not involving medical students or patients)
<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/educationethics>

Days

3

Medical Education Ethics Committee

(MEEC) for Imperial College (usually for education research involving students)
<https://www1.imperial.ac.uk/medicaleducationethics/>

Weeks

4

NHS Ethics approval committee (usually for research involving patients) via IRAS
<https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk>

Months