

Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research (CUHSR)

Terms of Reference

The Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research (CUHSR) shall:

1. Receive and make initial review of all projects/studies requiring ethical approval to be carried out by ESADE staff, or students under the supervision of ESADE staff.
2. Following initial review:
 - a. Approve the proposal without requiring any amendment;
 - b. Require clarification or modification to any part of the proposal;
 - c. In the case of high-risk projects, refer the proposal to the Research Ethics Committee of the Universitat Ramon Llull.
3. Demand or initiate another review at any point in the life of a project previously approved by the Committee and revoke approval if necessary, in circumstances where:
 - a. There have been relevant or material changes to the personnel or the protocol.
 - b. The Committee has concerns about the conduct of the researchers or of the research.
 - c. Adverse events have been reported to the Committee.
 - d. More than 5 years have passed since the last ethical approval.
4. Establish, implement and keep under review the codes of practice, procedures and policy guidelines for the consideration, approval and monitoring of research projects, including relevant recommendations at national and EU level.
5. Where the CUHSR is concerned with the review and approval of ethical issues relating to participant safety and research integrity, the committee requires that the Principal Researcher and/or Academic Supervisor take responsibility for any general health and safety aspects of the research activity and conduct.
6. Assess the ethical concerns of research projects submitted for review and approval by the CUHSR.
7. Escalate serious concerns regarding research compliance or adverse events to the Dean of Faculty and Research, and advice on corrective actions.
8. Review the Terms of Reference at the first Committee Meeting of each calendar year.

If you have any questions please contact us at ethics@esade.edu