

## **Research Ethics and Research Governance at Lancaster: a code of practice**

### **QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

Individual researchers have a key responsibility and accountability for their research, and for maintaining the highest standards of ethical principles and practices. The University anticipates that all its members will act ethically, but nevertheless has safeguards in place for use in the event of alleged or actual research misconduct.

<p><b>Legislation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research must be legal</li> <li>• Comply with national and international ethics codes of practice</li> <li>• Comply with Human Rights Act</li> <li>• Comply with University guidelines for ethical review and approval</li> <li>• The University does not impose restriction on the legal external bodies with whom research can be conducted, but funding from sources that may be controversial should be carefully considered according to guidance in the code of practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>Methodology and Dissemination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uphold moral principles</li> <li>• Open and transparent</li> <li>• Findings presented honestly and accurately without withholding information</li> <li>• Correct attribution of intellectual property</li> <li>• Changes in methodology submitted for review by relevant committee, as appropriate</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibility for researchers and students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate training provided for staff and students involved in the research</li> <li>• Ensure all staff and students involved in the research are familiar with the Code</li> <li>• Protect the rights of fellow workers and society at large</li> <li>• No research shall be undertaken that involves undue risk to the health, safety or well-being of any person involved</li> </ul>	<p><b>Responsibility for participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the rights and well-being of participants</li> <li>• No research shall be undertaken that involves undue risk to the health, safety or well-being of any person involved</li> <li>• Procedures should be drawn up in advance where research involves vulnerable participants or animals.</li> <li>• Alternatives to involving vulnerable participants or animals should always be considered</li> </ul>

**[Link to full Code of Practice](#)**