



Policies & Procedures

SOHAIL UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH ETHICS REVIEW POLICY

Purpose:

Sohail university promote ethical standards and appropriate systems of review for any course of research involving human/animal subjects. This policy sets out the requirement for ethics approval across Sohail University and its constituent colleges/centers.

Scope:

The University's Research Ethical Review policy applies to everyone carrying out research at Sohail University and its constituent colleges, whether within or outside University premises or facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, undergraduate and postgraduate students /faculty; staff members and visiting researchers.

Policy:

1. All researchers are advised to read the ethical guidelines for research at <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241502948>
2. University has constituted Ethical Review Committee (ERC). Applications for ERC review can be submitted to the committee using online process at: <https://sohailuniversity.edu.pk/research-ethics/>
3. Regarding human biological materials and data transfer, all faculty, students and staff of the university are directed to adhere to collection, usage, storage and export of such material as per guidelines from National Bioethics Committee for research (NBC-R) and that none of such material could be transported/export without prior approval from NBC-R.
4. External researchers, who would like to conduct research at SU, are required to provide ERC approval from parent university, and collaboration with full time relevant faculty of SU, for submission of their ERC application to ERC, Sohail university.
5. The university reserves the right to take disciplinary actions against researchers in case if; any research conducted without ERC ethical approval OR not adhering to the ethical guidelines, mentioned in this policy, during conduct of research.

Approved by:

Academic Council (16th Academic Council held on February 21st, 2024)

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Board of Governors (17th Board of Governors held on March 6, 2024)