Flowchart 2: Ethical review requirements for research conducted outside the UK - STUDENT-LED RESEARCH

Where student-led research which falls within the scope of the University’s Code of Practice and Principles for Good Ethical Governance includes research to be conducted outside the UK, the flowchart below can be used to determine the ethics approvals required in conjunction with the full Guidance on conducting research outside the UK.

** Responsibility for identifying ethical considerations and securing the necessary ethical approvals is shared between the student and the member of staff overseeing the activity **

Does the project carry a risk of significant harm? ¹

- Y / Not sure
  - Seek advice early from the Chair of the appropriate internal ethics committee

- N
  - Is overseas ethical approval required for all or part of the research?
    - Y
      - Is ethical approval by a further external body/bodies required for all or part of the research? (e.g. NHS or a partner organisation)
        - Y
          - Ethical approvals required: 1. Overseas ethics committee 2. Further external bodies as required 3. Internal ethics committee
        - N
          - Ethical approvals required: 1. Overseas ethics committee 2. Internal ethics committee
    - N
      - Is ethical approval by an external body/bodies required for all or part of the research? (e.g. NHS or a partner organisation)
        - Y
          - Ethical approvals required: 1. Internal ethics committee 2. External bodies as required Plus seek approval for the research to go ahead from the relevant overseas organisation / location.
        - N
          - Ethical approvals required: 1. Internal ethics committee

All ethical approvals must be in place prior to the commencement of the activities to which they apply

¹ In particular to participants, researchers, animals, heritage, the natural environment, the reputation of the University or the welfare and interests of the wider community. See the University’s Code of Practice and Principles for Good Ethical Governance, paragraph 2.2.