UoG Student Ethics Process

Student completes the application form and sends to their supervisor for feedback, guidance and sign off*

Regardless of the risk category, Supervisor sign off is a mandatory requirement for student applications

Submission & Validation:

The application form is assigned to an FREC* reviewer(s) who completes an initial review and classifies the application as Low Risk or Higher Risk.

In some faculties, the review and approval of student applications may be delegated by the FREC to the relevant School Research Ethics Panel (SREP).

*Classification as Low Risk or Higher Risk is done using a risk category section completed by the student which is checked against the remainder of the application.

Higher Risk

Low Risk

Review & Referral to UREB

The FREC reviews the application by chair's action or at an FREC meeting. If necessary, feedback is provided to the student, and the student is required to make changes.

Once the FREC determines the application is ready for submission to UREB, the application form is sent to UREB as per the Research Ethics Policy and enters the UREB ethical approval procedure.

Review & Approval via Chair's Action, Circulation or FREC meeting

The FREC reviews the application by chair's action, by circulation or at an FREC meeting. If necessary, feedback is provided to the student, and the student is required to make changes.

Rejected
If the application is rejected, the student will need to resubmit to reflect the FREC's feedback and re-enters the ethical approval cycle.

Approved subject to amendments
If the application is approved subject to amendments, the student must make all the necessary changes and the FREC Chair will complete the final review.

Approved
No further action is required, the student will receive the official approval letter.

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