



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
Faculty of Health Sciences
Research Ethics Office



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Dear FHS Research Community

Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Office: remote administrative support

Given the recent announcement by the State President regarding a national shutdown, the Faculty Research Ethics Office (FREO) will be closed as from Thursday, 26 March 2020. However, the FREO will still provide administrative support remotely over the lockdown period and your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Below, please see important information to ensure smooth operation of the research ethics committees administratively supported by the FREO:

1. Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC):

The HREC will accept electronic submissions via email to hrec-enquiries@uct.ac.za. Please ensure that each submission is in a single pdf-file (not scanned).

Please note that all HREC forms and instructions are available on the HREC webpage at: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/research/humanethics/forms>.

For general queries relating to human research, please submit to hrec-enquiries@uct.ac.za.

2. Animal Ethics Committee (AEC):

The AEC will accept electronic submissions via email to fhsanimalresearch@uct.ac.za. Please submit a pdf-copy (not scanned) or MS Word copy of your application. Please use the Submittable online platform to submit amendments and annual renewals/final reports. If you use animal material (e.g. blood, samples, tissues, etc.) for scientific purposes, please submit a completed and signed application form (FHS030) via email to fhsanimalresearch@uct.ac.za.

For reporting of incidents, violations, deviations, unanticipated problems and adverse events, please use FHS031.

Please note that forms and instructions (for Submittable submissions) are available on the AEC webpage at: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/research/animalethics/forms>.

For general queries relating to animal research, please submit to fhsanimalresearch@uct.ac.za.

3. Faculty Biosafety Committee (FBC):

The FBC will accept electronic submissions (new applications, amendments and renewals) via email to fhs.fbc@uct.ac.za. Please ensure that each submission is in a pdf-file or Word, and that relevant signatures have been obtained. Please use the latest form available on the FHS FBC webpage at: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/research/faculty-biosafety-committee>.

Please send general queries relating to FBC submissions to fhs.fbc@uct.ac.za.

Yours sincerely

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