**School of Social Sciences and Philosophy**

**Research Ethics Checklist**

All researchers have a responsibility to follow TCD’s *Policy on Good Research Practice* (https://www.tcd.ie/research/dean/assets/pdf/TCD%20Good%20Research%20Practice%20Policies%20copy.pdf), as well as any academic or professional code of practice or guidelines relevant to the specific research project. This form should normally be completed prior to the commencement of data collection.

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| **Section 1** |  |  |
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| **Does your research/ project involve:** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **1.** A survey asking questions of a sensitive or private nature |  |  |
| **2.** A questionnaire or observational studies involving children or vulnerableadults. |  |  |
| **3.** Research where there is a risk of a participant feeling undue pressure to participate by virtue of his/her relationship with the researcher (e.g. student/supervisor; patient/clinician). |  |  |
| **4.** A project involving any degree of deception. |  |  |
| **5.** Analysis of archival irrevocably anonymised human tissue samples forwhich consent for research was not originally given, and was not acquired in the course of clinical treatment. (Archived samples taken for a previous research study must always get new ethical approval). |  |  |
| **6.** Research involving invasive procedures. |  |  |
| **7.** Research involving vulnerable persons. |  |  |
| **8.** Research where identifiable information obtained may have legal,economic or social consequences for research subjects. |  |  |
| **9.** Research that may identify illegal activity |  |  |
| **10.** A project where each subject is paid (over and above token gestures). |  |  |
| **11.** Research that may potentially endanger the subjects, and/orresearchers, and/or 3rd parties, and/or the environment. |  |  |
| **12.** Research involving the collection of human tissue. |  |  |
| **13.** Research that may have a direct military role. |  |  |
| **14.** Potentially harmful research involving humans conducted outsideIreland. |  |  |
| **15.** Research involving psychological intervention. |  |  |
| **16.** Research where a potentially beneficial or harmful treatment,information or learning method may be withheld from some participants. |  |  |

If you have answered **NO** to all of the questions above in Section 1, ‘ethics release’ is indicated and there is no need to pursue ethical scrutiny further. **Complete Section 2** and forward this form, along with a brief description of the project, to the School’s Director of Research and Departmental Ethics Officer. If you have answered **YES** to any question in Section 1, you must apply for a Certificate of Ethical Approval for Research using the process described in §3.1.3 (staff) or §3.2.5 (students) of the Research Ethics Policy.

**Section 2**

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| **Name of Applicant**This should be the lead researcher/student |  |
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| **Name(s) of Additional Researcher(s)** |  |
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| **Name of Supervisor** (in case of student) |  |
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| **Discipline** |  |
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| **Title and brief summary of project** This should explain the aim and methods of the research, in terms understandable by a non-specialist (please use an additional sheet) |  |

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| **Signature of applicant***I declare that the information given above is accurate. I have read the Ethics Policy and will follow the guidelines therein.* | **Signature:****Date:** |
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| **Signature of Supervisor (in case of postgraduate students)***In my capacity as Supervisor I believe that this project does not have ethical implications* | **Signature:****Date:** |
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| **Signature of Departmental Ethics****Officer***In my capacity as Departmental Ethics Officer and based on the information provided, I believe that the risk to participants in this project is negligible* | **Signature:****Date:** |
| **Signature of Director of Research***In my capacity as Director of Research and based on the information provided, I believe that the risk to participants in this project is negligible* | **Signature:****Date:** |