

# PhD Student Ethics Procedures

If you are a CCI PhD student and wish to start a new research or KE project you must apply for ethical approval before you begin your research. If you are unsure if you require ethical approval please consult the guidance [here](#) or send a brief description to CCI CRESC ([cci-cresc@arts.ac.uk](mailto:cci-cresc@arts.ac.uk)).

**As a UAL PhD student you are required to apply for research ethics via the UAL Doctoral School.** Please refer to your PhD handbook for guidance and the ethics application forms.

**To Apply:** Email your completed 'Post-Registration Research Ethics Approval Form' to [researchdegrees@arts.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@arts.ac.uk). Remember to include information sheet and consent forms with your application./b>.

## The Process:

- Your application will be forwarded from the Doctoral School to CRESC for review and given a reference number. Please use this reference number in all correspondence.
- Your application will be reviewed by two members of the CRESC committee.
- The reviewers will assess the **level of risk** your project involves.
  - **Minimal risks** are those that anyone involved in the research may encounter in everyday life. Applications at or below minimal risk can be entirely approved by CRESC.
  - **Above minimal risk** projects are those that involve any risks above those encountered in everyday life or involve participants who cannot give informed consent (e.g. due to being a minor). See risk definitions in section 6 [here](#). Projects with above minimal risk will initially be reviewed by CRESC but then sent to the UAL RKEESC for final approval. Please allow more time for such approvals.
- Reviewers may require amendments to your application. Please make amendments as quickly as possible to aid the process.
- On approval, the UAL Doctoral School will be informed and you will be emailed a certificate with your approval number. Please refer to this approval number and the 'Creative Computing Institute College Research Ethics Sub-Committee' in all future declarations about your project ethics.
- If there are changes to the way the intended project is carried out, please let us know by filling in a [Notice of Amendment](#). Substantial amendments may require a new ethics application, non-substantial amendments can be approved by Chair's action. Further information can be found [here](#).

Any questions about the process for PhD students should be directed to [researchdegrees@arts.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@arts.ac.uk) or #research-ethics on Slack.

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