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**R7a**

**RESEARCH ETHICS APPLICATION FORM FOR ANIMAL, AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, NATURAL, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND BIOSAFETY PROTOCOLS**

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| **INSTRUCTIONS**  The application must be completed online  **INSTRUCTIONS**   * The application must be typed and send in one document as pdf file * The following documents must be attached: * The selected R7b, c, d, e, f, g, h forms where applicable * Proof of Registration (student, if applicable) * FHDC Recommendation letter * Approved Project Proposal **(Including Turnitin report, Tools e.g. Questionnaire) *If applicable*** * Letter of information and consent (Appendix **B**) *If applicable* * Conflict of interest form (Appendix **C**) *If applicable* * Other information being supplied to participants * Other documentation necessary for the RECs to make an informed decision regarding the research.   Recommendations (With all relevant signatures) |

**INITIATING DEPARTMENT:**

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| **DEPARTMENT** | **Submitted** | **DATE** |
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| **Authorised by: Head of Department** | |
| **FACULTY** | **Submitted** | **DATE** |
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**A. PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| * 1. Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Staff / Student Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   2. Name of Applicant (Project Leader): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   3. Academic Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   4. Department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   5. Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   6. Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| \*Registration: |

**\***(Please indicate if applicant is registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC), the South African Council for Natural Sciences (SACNASP) or any other relevant Professional Council and provide the registration number(s))

1. **TITLE OF RESEARCH:**

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1. **ABSTRACT (500 words max)**

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1. **CO-WORKERS**

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| **Name** | **Institution and Department** | **Role** |
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1. **TYPE OF RESEARCH**

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| Fundamental research |  | Honours |  | Education and training |  | Development of Products for Animal medicine |  |
| Masters |  |
| Doctoral |  |
| Postdoctoral research |  |

1. **CLASSIFICATION (Choose from C1 to C3)***(Tick relevant box)*

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| Indicate Category (X) | | |
| **C1** | Exempt from Research Ethics Committee (straightforward research without ethical problems) |  |
| **C2** | Expedited review (minimal risk to humans, animals or environment) |  |
| **2.1** | Expedited review: External Factors (Attach Motivation) |  |
| **C3** | Full Ethics review required (risk to humans, animals, environment, or a sensitive research area) |  |

1. **RESEARCH CATEGORY (Choose your category and go to the indicated form)**

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|  | Experiments on embryonated eggs or cephalopods and decapods | R7b |  |  | Fieldwork | R7c |
|  | Experiments on vertebrate species that are expected to produce little or no discomfort | R7b |  |  | Bioinformatics | R7d |
|  | Experiments that involve significant but unavoidable stress or pain to vertebrate species | R7b |  |  | Microbiology and Biochemistry studies | R7e |
|  | Experiments that involve minor stress or pain (short-duration pain) to vertebrate species | R7b |  |  | Lower Invertebrates | R7f |
|  | Studies on vertebrate animals during routine examination, sampling, procedures and treatment | R7b |  |  | Agricultural studies (Crop production) | R7g |
|  | Procedures that involve inflicting severe pain near, at, or above the pain tolerance threshold of unanaesthetised, conscious animals | R7b |  |  | Ethnobotanical studies | R7h |

**ETHICS IN RESEARCH AND STUDENT PROJECTS AT UNIVEN**

All staff and students should take note of the University of Venda’s Research Ethics and Plagiarism Policies. These policies will encourage you to be professional and conduct your day-to-day work/studies/research schedule ethically. The consequences of plagiarism can be personal, professional, ethical, and legal. The University has detection software (Turnitin) readily available to avoid plagiarism. Training courses are frequently available at the library. Although an ethics application is not necessary for all projects conducted, the Animal Environmental and Biosafety Research Ethics Committee (AEBREC) must be notified that anyone completing a project or research study agrees to abide by the fundamental principles of scholarly research and publishing. Therefore, this is not an application for ethics approval but a notification of research/study/work done at UNIVEN and a commitment by the applicant, co-applicants, and other research team members involved to act ethically to advance research integrity.

1. **ETHICS AT UNIVEN GUIDELINE DOCUMENTS**

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| 1. **I have read the UNIVEN research ethics policy. (**[**https://www.univen.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Policy-on-Research-Ethics-002-Final.pdf**](https://www.univen.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Policy-on-Research-Ethics-002-Final.pdf) **)** |
| Yes/No |
| 1. **I have read the UNIVEN plagiarism policy. (**[**https://www.univen.ac.za/docs/library\_manuals/Plagiarism%20Guide.pdf**](https://www.univen.ac.za/docs/library_manuals/Plagiarism%20Guide.pdf) **)** |
| Yes/No |
| 1. **I have read the national statement on ethical research and scholarly publishing practices. (**[**https://www.nrf.ac.za/statement-on-ethical-research-and-scholarly-publishing-practices/**](https://www.nrf.ac.za/statement-on-ethical-research-and-scholarly-publishing-practices/) **)** |
| Yes/No |

1. **SIGNATURES**

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**Applicant’s Name** **Signature Date**

**Signatures of other Researchers involved in this Project:**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

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**Signature of Project Supervisor** *(Applicable for Student Projects)*

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**Research Ethics Committee resolution:**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

Chairperson, REC