

## **Companion for Undergraduate Dissertations**

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### ***Undergraduate Student Research Project***

#### **RESEARCH ETHICS PROPOSAL**

**Name of researcher:**

**Email address:**

**Title of research:**

**Supervisor:**

Briefly describe the rationale for your research with reference to the research literature (approx. 250 words).

State the major research questions including the aim(s) and hypothesis(es) where appropriate.

Describe the method including the design, participants, and procedure.

Describe the type of data analysis you envisage using.

Describe the arrangements for selecting/sampling and briefing potential participants. This should include copies of any advertisements for volunteers or letters to individuals/organisations inviting participation.

Describe any possible negative consequences of participation in the research along with the ways in which these consequences will be limited. This should include details where appropriate of any withholding of information or misleading of participants along with a justification of why this is necessary.

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Describe how participants will be made aware of their right to withdraw from the research. This should also include information about participants' right to withhold information.

Describe the arrangements for obtaining participants' consent. This should include copies of the information that they will receive & written consent forms where appropriate. If children or vulnerable people are to be participants in the study details of the arrangements for obtaining consent from those acting in loco parentis or as advocates should be provided.

If you intend to undertake research with children or other vulnerable participants does the data collection involve you being alone with the participant(s)? Please provide details.

If your data collection requires that you work alone with children or other vulnerable participants have you undergone Criminal Records Bureau screening? Please supply details.

Describe the arrangements for debriefing the participants. This should include copies of information that participants will receive where appropriate.

Describe the arrangements for ensuring participant confidentiality. This should include details of how data will be stored and how results will be presented.