

CNM Research Ethics

The Department of Communications and New Media (CNM) Department Ethics Review Committee (DERC) was established in 2009 following the NUS IRB's directives and the FASS Ethics Guidelines for Research with Human Subjects (2006).

The objectives of the DERC are: (1) to assess the level of risk to human subjects in research projects of the Department's academic staff members and students, and (2) to make recommendations on the appropriate type of ethics review for each research project.

CNM DERC reviews applications according to the guidelines provided by NUS-IRB. Click [here](#) to NUS-IRB DERC guidelines. For more information about SBER review, please refer to this [site](#). All other research projects that involve more than minimal risks should be directed to NUS-IRB. Before obtaining the DERC approval, researchers should not start the data collection process. The DERC's request for amendments to the research protocol, if any, should be followed and reflected in the revised application. Instructions to apply:

1. Forms and documents must be submitted via DREAM.
<https://nus.edu.sg/research/irb/derc>
2. Submissions should include accompanying support documents such as the participant information sheet (PIS), survey questionnaire, interview/focus group question guide and/or other relevant information.
3. For undergraduate students, a PI must be her/his supervisor and the student is a Co-PI.
4. The DERC reviews applications on a rolling basis, and takes approximately 10 days to process the review. Therefore, researchers should plan when to apply for the review.
5. Please access the link to retrieve the essential instructions and necessary forms to facilitate your application: <https://nus.edu.sg/research/irb/ethics-review/sber-review>