

Terms of Reference for Faculty Research Ethics Committees

Principles

- 1) The Faculty Research Ethics Committees (FRECs) will report to the University Research Ethics and Integrity Committee (UREIC). They will work to the University's Research Ethics Policy and ultimately to the UREIC terms of reference.
- 2) The FRECs are responsible for making decisions on whether research projects in the faculties meet the University's ethical standards and requirements as set out in the University's Research Ethics Policy and Code of Practice.
- 3) More specifically, the remit of the FRECs is to provide guidance to postgraduate research students (PhD) and staff on ethical issues with regards to research. The FRECs are responsible for reviewing and approving ethics applications submitted by staff and postgraduate research students. The FRECs will also review applications which will not be reviewed by an NHS research ethics committee.
- 4) The FRECs will provide reports to the UREIC on decisions made and any recommendations for changes to the annual reports to UREIC should be a short summary of the academic year.

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Membership and meetings

- 7) Membership of the FRECs will be multidisciplinary, consider diversity and include at least one external (lay) member not affiliated to Lancaster University. Membership will be as follows:
 - The Chair and Deputy Chair from the relevant faculty(ies);
 - Normally at least one member from the staff of each department in the faculties, but at least two colleagues for a large department with high numbers of applications;
 - One or two lay members;

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