

Deakin University Human Research Ethics Committee (Geelong panel) - Vacancy

Lawyer Member – 1 position

Deakin University's Human Research Ethics Committee (DUHREC) reviews research projects involving human participants. These projects are from all faculties: Arts and Education; Business and Law; Health; Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Research can include biomedical procedures to classroom learning studies, historical enquiries to health questionnaires.

The role of the Committee is to make sure that the rights of participants are respected and that no human research is approved unless it meets stringent requirements of integrity, justice and fairness.

If you have an interest in research and the time to take part in attending bi-monthly meetings, we have the following vacancy (please note, to be eligible, you must meet criteria below):

- Lawyer Member: where possible, you do not currently provide legal advice to the University.

We are looking for members who preferably live or work locally, with a variety of life experience, not specific skills nor a research background.

Please note, membership of the Committee is determined by Commonwealth guidelines and also includes Chair/Deputy Chair, Professional Carer (eg GP/nurse), Researcher. **NB: there are currently also vacancies for 1 male and 1 female lay member on the Geelong Panel (as per national guideline requirements), however, all of the other membership categories are currently filled.** Information about these other vacancies can be provided upon request by contacting research-ethics@deakin.edu.au.

Committee work is voluntary, however members receive a modest honorarium to cover any out of pocket costs. Lunch and car parking is provided for each meeting attended when held in person (meetings are currently being held virtually via Zoom).

What does membership involve?

Committee members are usually appointed for a term of two years, which may be renewed at the end of the term. You must be familiar with the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 \(updated 2018\)](#), which establishes requirements for Human Research Ethics Committees and sets out the principles by which decisions/recommendations are made. New members begin by observing meetings and attending Induction training. They are then required to attend meetings in person at the Waurn Ponds campus of Deakin University (usually on a Monday afternoon). Meeting length varies, however, meetings are generally 2-4 hours. Please note these meetings are currently being held virtually (via Zoom) with the intention they will transition back to in-person or blended (in-person and virtual) meetings as appropriate in light of government/Deakin COVID-19 restrictions and individual circumstances (e.g. medical or health considerations). Prior to the meetings, members are required to read and make recommendations regarding research applications and to review the agenda. Some additional work is also required outside of the meeting cycle, e.g. reviewing changes to approved applications. Committee members will also be invited to attend one training day during the year (this is usually held in the Melbourne CBD, where possible).

Expression of interest

If you are interested in joining DUHREC, please email a one-page expression of interest to: research-ethics@deakin.edu.au Please state how you meet the eligibility criteria and provide a summary of your qualifications, work experience and a statement on why you are interested in joining DUHREC. If you have a current CV, you may wish to attach it.

For further information, please email research-ethics@deakin.edu.au or tel (03) 5227 3012.