

## Important Update: New Research Ethics Online Procedures

This notice serves to inform you of important updates to our research ethics procedures. In order to streamline the process and ensure compliance with the latest ethical standards, the University has implemented a new online procedure for submitting and reviewing research ethics applications.

### Key Changes Include:

1. **Online Submission Platform:** All research ethics applications must now be submitted through our dedicated online portal (eRA Research Portal: [eRA Online Platform](#))
2. **Updated Guidelines:** The research ethics guidelines have been updated to reflect recent changes in ethical standards and best practices. We encourage you to review the new guidelines carefully before submitting your application. Please refer to attached guides for the detailed instructions on how to access and use the platform. These guidelines have also been uploaded to all the below platforms:  
PG Amathuba sites ([Amathuba Login](#))  
REL website ([REL Academic Administration Page](#))
3. **Training Module:** A new mandatory training module on research ethics is now available. This module must be completed before you submit your ethics application. For training and support please contact: [eRA@uct.ac.za](mailto:eRA@uct.ac.za)  
For additional support and to request training on this system please links below:  
[eRA Support Resources](#)  
[eRA Online Training Request](#)
4. **Review Process:** The review process has been enhanced to provide faster feedback and clearer guidance on ethics approval. This will help you navigate your application more efficiently.

### Action Required:

1. Complete the online training module available at [eRA Online Training Request](#) or email [eRA@uct.ac.za](mailto:eRA@uct.ac.za) to set up training session.
2. Familiarize yourself with the updated research ethics guidelines attached to this email.
3. Log in to the new online portal at to submit your research ethics applications.  
[eRA Online Platform](#)

These new procedures will take effect immediately, and we ask that you begin using the new platform for any upcoming research ethics submissions.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out as follows:

- eRA system support: [eRA Support Resources](#)
- Department Support: PG Admin Office ([Tasneem.Wise@uct.ac.za](mailto:Tasneem.Wise@uct.ac.za)) / Ethics Convener ([Asonzeh.Ukah@uct.ac.za](mailto:Asonzeh.Ukah@uct.ac.za))

**Thank you for your attention to these important changes, and for your continued commitment to ethical research practices.**