



Guidance document for researchers on obtaining Multi-Institutional ethics approvals

This document is a guide to assist researchers with understanding where they will need to go to obtain biosafety and radiation safety approval. It describes a few case scenarios to help direct researchers. If a researcher requires further assistance with determining what they will need to do to obtain biosafety and radiation safety approval, they should contact the [ethics officer](#) for more assistance.

External researchers with Western Sydney University Affiliations

External researchers who are affiliated with Western Sydney University will need to seek external biosafety and radiation safety approval. The external ethics approval should be communicated to the Biosafety and Radiation Safety Committee (BRSC) through the ethics officer for record keeping purposes.

Western Sydney Researchers working overseas

Western Sydney researchers working overseas and dealing with material and/or organisms as outlined in the BRSC Terms of Reference, will need to forward the external approval documentation or submit a BRSC application to the Western Sydney University BRSC. Depending on the nature of the work, researchers may also need to seek ethics approval from the [Human Research Ethics Committee](#) (HREC) or the [Animal Care and Ethics](#) Committee (ACEC) prior to submitting an application to the BRSC.

Information regarding the application process can be found on the [Research Integrity and Ethics](#) homepage.

Western Sydney Researcher who is conjoint at another University or Institute

Researchers who fall into this category will need to seek ethics approval from the Institute or University that employs their Chief Investigator. If a researcher is unsure of the process they should contact the [ethics officer](#) for more information.