

# THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE



## NTU IRB Policy

NTU's policy on **Research Involving Human Subjects** was recently approved by President's Council and is now available on [NTU's Policy Portal](#). This policy applies to all researchers (Faculty, Staff and Students) across all disciplines in NTU who are conducting research involving humans.

This policy formalises our current existing processes and requirements, such as training requirements, IRB application and review processes, continuing reviews, etc. Researchers are reminded to adhere to these conditions, as well as those outlined in relevant legislations, e.g. [Human Biomedical Research Act](#) (HBRA) and [Personal Data Protection Act](#) (PDPA) over the course of your research.

For more information, please refer to the [NTU IRB website](#) or write to [irb@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:irb@ntu.edu.sg).



## Ethics Dumping

Following widespread controversy surrounding Chinese researcher Dr He Jiankui's work on genetically modified human embryos, an article in The Economist titled "**Recent events highlight an unpleasant scientific practice: Ethics dumping**" draws attention to the questionable practice of researchers from high-income countries performing possibly controversial studies in developing countries that have more lenient study conduct regulations [[+Read more](#)].

The [TRUST project](#), a collaboration among researchers in Europe, Africa and Asia, aims to eliminate ethics dumping through recommendations outlined in the [Global Code of Conduct for Research in Resource-Poor Settings](#). This Code emphasises that the key to stemming this practice is for ethics reviews to be conducted in countries that are funding the research, as well as where the study will be carried out.

Under NTU's IRB and IACUC guidelines, research conducted overseas require both NTU and local ethics approvals.

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## Follow up to Animal Behavioural Neurosciences Workshop

On **14 and 15 Mar 2019**, RIEO and LKCMed co-organised a workshop on "**Basics in Animal Behavioural Neurosciences**" to guide researchers on good practices in animal behaviour experiments.

Held over two days, the workshop featured subject experts Dr Frederic Chua, Dr Hannes Hentze and Dr Zoe Bichler who touched on topics such as experimental design, study conduct, data analysis and ethical aspects of such studies. The seminar was followed by a practical session for hands-on application as well as subsequent data analysis techniques.

For queries regarding the workshop, please write to [rieo@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:rieo@ntu.edu.sg).



**Deadlines:** **NTU-IACUC:** Next due date for new AUP submissions is **2 May 2019**. [[+Read more](#)].  
**NTU-IRB:** New submissions are due on Mondays of every week. [[+Read more](#)].

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