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A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

Recruitment of Minors in Research



The informed consent process, which is to ensure research participants fully understands and agrees to being enrolled into research studies, is a key principle in research ethics. To protect Minors involved in research, parental consent is the critical requirement. The age of majority in Singapore is 21 years old (as opposed to 18 years old in many countries), as such, recruitment of individuals under 21 years old requires parental consent.

Under exceptional circumstances, NTU-IRB can approve and waive this requirement to obtain the appropriate parental consent for the participation of a Minor. For a summary of the types of projects that may fall under this criteria, refer to NTU-IRB's [Guidelines](#).

Advertisement Requirements for Research involving Human Subjects

All advertisements/ notices used for the recruitment of participants for research studies need to obtain approval from NTU-IRB before putting up on display. This is to ensure that such advertisements/ notices are not misleading or coercive, and accurately describes the study.

PARTICIPANT RECRUITMENT



New requirements for advertisements/ notices include:

- Name and contact details of PI, as well as NTU-IRB contact details.
- NTU-IRB project reference number is to be stated.
- NTU Logo.

These requirements are in line with locally and internationally accepted best practices. Full details on advertisement requirements can be found on our website [here](#).

If there any doubts or concerns regarding an advertised project, participants should contact the Investigator, or NTU-IRB directly at Tel: 6592 2495; email: IRB@ntu.edu.sg

Talk on Animal Welfare



On 16 Jan 2018, RIEO conducted its first workshop for the year on ethics in animal experimentation and its application in laboratory animal science.

Led by Dr Frederic Chua, Attending Vet at NTU-IACUC, the workshop served as a platform for the exchange of ideas related to good research practices in the area of animal experimentation. A key theme of the workshop was the responsible use of animals, and so attendees were informed of how this could be practiced through the implementation of the 3Rs: *Replacement, Reduction, Refinement*.

If you are keen on attending similar courses in future, [register your interest](#) with us. You may also click [here](#) to view a list of past and upcoming workshops and events related to research integrity.

Deadlines:	1 Mar 2018: Next due date for submissions to NTU-IRB and NTU-IACUC
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