

Research ethics: Reflecting on ethical dimensions of your research and obtaining ethics approval

The last few years have seen an increased public sensitivity to ethical dimensions of scientific research: Are human participants in experiments appropriately informed about the aims of the research? Is the sample of participants sufficiently diverse? Are sensitive data collected and how will they be used? Such questions are not only relevant when aiming to obtain ethics approval, but also worthwhile thinking about when conducting research in general. But what needs to be considered when reflecting on the ethical dimensions of research projects and seeking to obtain meaningful ethics approval? How can possible ethical problems be identified and handled?

This workshop aims to offer an introduction to research ethics. It introduces different ethics institutions in Switzerland researchers should know, offers insights into how to identify and address ethical issues in research projects, and provides researchers a platform to reflect on the ethical issues that may arise in the course of their own research.

Contents

- What is research ethics?
- Which research ethics institutions exist, what are they responsible for?
- How can one identify and address ethical issues in research?

Learning outcomes

Participants:

- understand research ethics and know relevant institutions and their working
- know how to identify and address ethical issues
- reflect on the ethical issues that may arise in their own research

Target group

The workshop is aimed at members and associate members of the MCID. Researchers at any stage of their career are welcome. No previous knowledge is required. If you wish, you can send in a short description of your research project beforehand (1-2 pages).

Date, place and format

The workshop takes place on **7 March 2023** from 13:30 to 17:00 at UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, (room A-124). It is conducted by Dr. Caroline Brall, Co-Manager of the Ethics & Policy Lab at the MCID. The workshop is free of charge. It is possible to obtain 1 ECTS point for participation. In this case, participants are asked to write a short assignment after the workshop.

Registration

Please register by sending an email to caroline.brall@unibe.ch. Registration is open until 27 February 2023. Place is limited to 15 participants and registration will be on a first come-first served basis.

