

Ethical Approval To Carry Out Research for the Research Methods II Quantitative Report

Some of the sections of the PG2 Ethics Form have been completed for you for this assessment. Please bear in mind that when it comes to your own research in the future (e.g., Psychology Empirical Project), then it is expected that you complete ALL of this form on your own, so it is still worth reading the notes and what has been written to consider why it is set out in the way that it is.

Please see below for details of what you need to do, what has been completed for you on the ethics form, what you need to complete and what you may need to adapt depending upon the specific nature and/or tasks included in your research studies.

All sections of the ethics form must be completed. Incomplete ethics forms will not be submitted to the School Research Ethics Panel.

- You should submit ONE ethics form per group. In order to complete it, you will have to come up with an idea and thought about how to carry out the study (as discussed during the module sessions). There are also specific details regarding what you must include in the study in the assessment proforma.

- ✚ Section A: you must provide details of the individuals in your group. At this point we also ask you to identify a Principal Researcher for the group. This person will act as the contact for your group so it is an important responsibility; we are not asking this person to lead the group, but they must be responsible enough to collate information (e.g., final data and consent forms to be given to the supervisor) and to pass on information from the supervisor. You will also notice in this section there is a note in italics in the Programme of Study section; when you see this throughout the document you should delete the note and place the relevant information within this box, the italicised note is for information only.

- ✚ Section B: This has been completed for you.

- ✚ Section C: This has been completed for you **but** please take note of the different Internal and External Ethical Guidelines outlined here – ensure you have read and engaged with these documents and adhere to the codes and guidelines.

- ✚ Section D: Not applicable for this research study and left blank in accordance with guidance on the form.

- ✚ Section E: This is a key section for your group to complete. This is where you must set out information about your study, supported with research evidence, and consider the

methodology being used.

✚ Section F: The box to confirm that a questionnaire will be used has been ticked, as participants will be required to complete a questionnaire assessing their emotional intelligence. The box confirming 'Other' primary data collection method has also been ticked 'yes' and so you must provide details in the box as to what this will be – i.e., the experimental task that you will be creating and how data will be collected through this task.

✚ Section G: You will only be collecting data from students within the Academic Discipline of Psychology and Counselling at UWTSD. Therefore, the box stating that participants will be staff//students at the university has been ticked yes, along with the box to state they will be adults over the age of 18 and are competent to give consent.

- The section on participant number and sources has been completed as you will need to aim to collect data from 30 participants who will be students within the Centre for Psychology and Counselling who sign-up through the EMS.
- You will need to tick the relevant boxes in the 'Information for participants' sections

✚ Section H: This section is an exceptionally important section so ensure you give it the time it deserves to get this right. There have been some 'hints' provided for you but these are, by no means, the only issues related to risk that may need to be considered.

✚ Section I: This section should be completed by you and you will need to consider all of the ethical implications, both relating to your methodology and to wider BPS requirements.

✚ Section J: The majority of this section has been completed for you. Again, if there is highlighted information this will need to be adapted according to your specific research study.

✚ Section K: This should be completed and signed off by all group members.

The completed ethics form must be submitted to the module leader via email

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Your form will be reviewed and if there are any issues these will be communicated back to the team via the principal researcher. You should work on correcting any issues highlighted as soon as possible prior to then resubmitting the form to the module lead by **no later than 9am on Wednesday 10th November**. The form will then go on to the ethics panel who will sit and consider the applications submitted. The outcome from the ethics panel review will be provided to the Principal Researcher of each group by Monday 22nd November. The principal researcher should then inform the team of the outcome and any feedback the panel may have provided on the form.