

APPLICATION FOR ETHICAL APPROVAL

RESEARCH STUDENTS

This form is to be completed by the student within **SIX** months for full-time students and **TWELVE** months for part time students, after the commencement of the research degree or following progression to Part Two of your course.

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STUDENTS ON UNDERGRADUATE OR TAUGHT MASTERS PROGRAMMES should submit this form (and receive the outcome) via systems explained to you by the supervisor/module leader.

In order for research to result in benefit and minimise risk of harm, it must be conducted ethically. A researcher may not be covered by the University's insurance if ethical approval has not been obtained prior to commencement.

The University follows the OECD Frascati manual definition of **research activity**: "creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications". As such this covers activities undertaken by members of staff, postgraduate research students, and both taught postgraduate and undergraduate students working on dissertations/projects.

The individual undertaking the research activity is known as the "principal researcher".

Ethical approval is not required for routine audits, performance reviews, quality assurance studies, testing within normal educational requirements, and literary or artistic criticism.

Please read the notes for guidance before completing ALL sections of the form.

This form must be completed and approved prior to undertaking any research activity. Please see Checklist for details of process for different categories of application.

SECTION A: About You (Principal Researcher)

1	Full Name:	Ruth Lorensen			
2	Tick all boxes that apply:	Member of staff:	☐	Honorary research fellow:	☐
	Undergraduate Student	☐	Taught Postgraduate Student	☐	Postgraduate Research Student
					X

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7	Student Number:	2222081
8	Programme of Study:	MBA Sustainability Leadership
9	Director of Studies/Supervisor:	Roisin Mullins

SECTION B: Approval for Research Activity

1	Has the research activity received approval in principle? (please check the Guidance Notes as to the appropriate approval process for different levels of research by different categories of individual)	YES		NO	X
					Date
2	If Yes, please indicate source of approval (and date where known): Approval in principle must be obtained from the relevant source prior to seeking ethical approval	Research Degrees Committee	☐		
		Institute Research Committee	☐		
		Other (write in)			

SECTION C: Internal and External Ethical Guidance Materials

Please list the core ethical guidance documents that have been referred to during the completion of this form (including any discipline-specific codes of research ethics, location-specific codes of research ethics, and also any specific ethical guidance relating to the proposed methodology). Please tick to confirm that your research proposal adheres to these codes and guidelines. You may add rows to this table if needed.		
1	UWTSD Research Ethics & Integrity Code of Practice	X
2	UWTSD Research Data Management Policy	X
3	<i>[List any other relevant documents here]</i>	☐

SECTION D: External Collaborative Research Activity

If there are external collaborators then you should gain consent from the contact persons to share their personal data with the university. If there are no external collaborators then leave this section blank and continue to section E.

1	Institution	
2	Contact person name	
3	Contact person e-mail address	

4	Is your research externally funded?	YES	☐	NO	X	
5	Are you in receipt of a KESS scholarship?	YES	☐	NO	X	
6	Are you specifically employed to undertake this research in either a paid or voluntary capacity?	Voluntary	YES	☐	NO	X
7		Employed	YES	☐	NO	X
8	Is the research being undertaken within an existing UWTSD Athrofa Professional Learning Partnership (APLP)?	If YES then the permission question below does not need to be answered.	YES	☐	NO	X
9	Has permission to undertake the research has been provided by the partner organisation?	(If YES attach copy) If NO the application cannot continue	YES	☐	NO	X

Where research activity is carried out in collaboration with an external organisation

10	Does this organisation have its own ethics approval system?	YES	☐	NO	☐
If Yes, please attach a copy of any final approval (or interim approval) from the organisation (this may be a copy of an email if appropriate).					

SECTION E: Details of Research Activity

1	Indicative title:	Biomimicry in Leadership: How Healthy Leadership Creates Healthy Business Ecosystems - Lessons from Keystone Species			
2	Proposed start date:	02/01/2025	Proposed end date:	09/30/2025	
	Introduction to the Research (maximum 300 words per section) Ensure that you write for a <u>Non-Specialist Audience</u> when outlining your response to the points below: <i>Purpose of Research Activity</i> <i>Proposed Research Question</i> <i>Aims of Research Activity</i> <i>Objectives of Research Activity</i> Demonstrate, briefly, how Existing Research has informed the proposed activity and explain <i>What the research activity will add to the body of knowledge</i> <i>How it addresses an area of importance.</i>				
3	Purpose of Research Activity This research activity seeks to explore how biomimetic leadership, inspired by keystone species in nature, can influence and sustain healthy, adaptive, and resilient business ecosystems. (this box should expand as you type)				

4	Research Question How can leadership principles derived from keystone species behavior contribute to creating and maintaining healthy business ecosystems that drive sustainable business success? (this box should expand as you type)
5	Aims of Research Activity This research aims to explore how biomimicry-inspired leadership, modeled on the behaviors of keystone species, can promote healthy, resilient business ecosystems and drive sustainable organizational success. By examining the critical role that keystone species play in maintaining ecological balance, the study seeks to translate these behaviors into actionable leadership practices that enhance organizational health, adaptability, and long-term impact. (this box should expand as you type)
6	Objectives of Research Activity The objectives of this research are to identify patterns of healthy behavior in keystone species that maintain ecosystem vitality and translate these findings into actionable leadership strategies. By examining the empirical relationship between healthy business ecosystems and sustainable success, the study will highlight how healthy leadership directly influences organizational resilience and overall performance. It will also evaluate the reciprocal interdependence between leader well-being and system resilience, providing a more holistic view of leadership's impact on organizational environments. Ultimately, the research aims to develop a biomimicry-based leadership framework—drawing on keystone species principles—to strengthen leadership capacity and create lasting value within diverse organizational ecosystems. (this box should expand as you type)
	Proposed methods (maximum 600 words) Provide a brief summary of all the methods that may be used in the research activity, making it clear what specific techniques may be used. If methods other than those listed in this section are deemed appropriate later, additional ethical approval for those methods will be needed. You do not need to justify the methods here, but should instead describe how you intend to collect the data necessary for you to complete your project.
7	This research will use a mixed-methods approach to collect the necessary data. Qualitative data will be gathered through in-depth semi-structured interviews and online focus groups with sustainability leaders and organizational stakeholders. These will be conducted via video conferencing platforms, allowing for flexibility and inclusivity across geographical locations. Quantitative data will be collected using online surveys distributed through email and professional networks, targeting leaders and employees in sustainability-oriented organizations. (this box should expand as you type)
	Location of research activity Identify all locations where research activity will take place.
8	United States of America and United Kingdom (this box should expand as you type)

	Research activity outside of the UK If research activity will take place overseas, you are responsible for ensuring that local ethical considerations are complied with and that the relevant permissions are sought. Specify any local guidelines (e.g. from local professional associations/learned societies/universities) that exist and whether these involve any ethical stipulations beyond those usual in the UK (provide details of any licenses or permissions required). Also specify whether there are any specific ethical issues raised by the local context in which the research activity is taking place, for example, particular cultural and/or legal sensitivities or vulnerabilities of participants. If you live in the country where you will do the research then please state this.
9	The research will be conducted in both the USA and the UK, where ethical guidelines for research involving human participants are closely aligned. As a resident of the United States, I will ensure full compliance with local ethical standards, including those established by relevant professional associations or institutions. There are no additional licenses or permissions required beyond standard ethical practices, which include obtaining informed consent, maintaining confidentiality, and ensuring participant anonymity. Particular attention will be given to cultural and legal sensitivities within the USA context, including addressing workplace norms and ensuring clarity in communication. Participants will be informed of their rights, including voluntary participation and the ability to withdraw at any time without penalty. By adhering to these ethical principles, the research will safeguard participant welfare and ensure integrity throughout the data collection process. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>

10	Use of documentation not in the public domain: Are any documents NOT publicly available?	NO	X
		YES	☐
11	If Yes, please provide details here of how you will gain access to specific documentation that is not in the public domain and that this is in accordance with the current data protection law of the country in question and that of England and Wales. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		

	Does your research relate to one or more of the seven aims of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015?	YES	NO
12	A prosperous Wales	☐	X
13	A resilient Wales	☐	X
14	A healthier Wales	☐	X
15	A more equal Wales	☐	X
16	A Wales of cohesive communities	☐	X
17	A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	☐	X
18	A globally responsible Wales	☐	X
19	If YES to any of the above, please give details:		

	(this box should expand as you type)
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SECTION F: Scope of Research Activity

	Will the research activity include:	YES	NO
1	Use of a questionnaire or similar research instrument?	X	☐
2	Use of interviews?	X	☐
3	Use of focus groups?	X	☐
4	Use of participant diaries?	☐	X
5	Use of video or audio recording?	X	☐
6	Use of computer-generated log files?	X	☐
7	Participant observation with their knowledge?	☐	X
8	Participant observation without their knowledge?	☐	X
9	Access to personal or confidential information without the participants' specific consent?	☐	X
10	Administration of any questions, test stimuli, presentation that may be experienced as physically, mentally or emotionally harmful / offensive?	☐	X
11	Performance of any acts which may cause embarrassment or affect self-esteem?	☐	X
12	Investigation of participants involved in illegal activities?	☐	X
13	Use of procedures that involve deception?	☐	X
14	Administration of any substance, agent or placebo?	☐	X
15	Working with live vertebrate animals?	☐	X
16	Procedures that may have a negative impact on the environment?	☐	X
17	Other primary data collection methods. Please indicate the type of data collection method(s) below.	☐	X
	Details of any other primary data collection method: (this box should expand as you type)		

If NO to every question, then the research activity is (ethically) low risk and **may** be exempt from **some** of the following sections (please refer to Guidance Notes).

If YES to any question, then no research activity should be undertaken until full ethical approval has been obtained.

SECTION G: Intended Participants

If there are no participants then do not complete this section, but go directly to section H.

Who are the intended participants:		YES	NO
1	Students or staff at the University?	☐	X
2	Adults (over the age of 18 and competent to give consent)?	X	☐
3	Vulnerable adults?	☐	X
4	Children and Young People under the age of 18? (Consent from Parent, Carer or Guardian will be required)	☐	X
5	Prisoners?	☐	X
6	Young offenders?	☐	X
7	Those who could be considered to have a particularly dependent relationship with the investigator or a gatekeeper?	☐	X
8	People engaged in illegal activities?	☐	X
9	Others. Please indicate the participants below, and specifically any group who may be unable to give consent.	☐	X
Details of any other participant groups:			
(this box should expand as you type)			

Participant numbers and source Provide an estimate of the expected number of participants. How will you identify participants and how will they be recruited?		
10	How many participants are expected?	The study expects to include approximately 15–20 participants for in-depth interviews, 2 focus groups consisting of 6–8 participants each, and 100–150 respondents for the online survey. This combination of qualitative and quantitative participants will provide a comprehensive dataset, ensuring diverse perspectives and robust findings to address the research objectives. (this box should expand as you type)

11	Who will the participants be?	The participants will include sustainability leaders, managers, and employees from organizations actively engaged in sustainability practices. This will involve individuals holding key leadership roles, such as executives, directors, and team leaders, as well as sustainability officers and other stakeholders involved in driving sustainability initiatives within their organizations. These organizations may include certified B Corps, social enterprises, and multinational corporations with well-established sustainability agendas. Participants will be selected to represent a diverse range of industries, organizational sizes, and geographic locations within the USA and the UK. This diversity will help capture varied perspectives on leadership behaviors, organizational health, and sustainability outcomes, ensuring the study's findings are robust and broadly applicable. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>
12	How will you identify the participants?	Participants will be identified through purposeful sampling, targeting individuals and organizations recognized for their engagement with sustainability practices. This includes leaders, managers, and employees from sustainability-oriented organizations such as certified B Corps, social enterprises, and corporations with established sustainability agendas. Recruitment will be conducted through professional networks, sustainability forums, industry events, and direct outreach to relevant organizations. To ensure a diverse and representative sample, participants will be selected based on their roles, involvement in sustainability initiatives, and organizational contexts. Efforts will also be made to include participants from various sectors and geographic locations within the USA and the UK to capture a wide range of perspectives and experiences. All potential participants will be provided with detailed information about the study, and their participation will be entirely voluntary. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>

Information for participants:		YES	NO	N/A
13	Will you describe the main research procedures to participants in advance, so that they are informed about what to expect?	X	☐	☐

14	Will you tell participants that their participation is voluntary?	X	☐	☐
15	Will you obtain written consent for participation?	X	☐	☐
16	Will you explain to participants that refusal to participate in the research will not affect their treatment or education (if relevant)?	☐	☐	X
17	If the research is observational, will you ask participants for their consent to being observed?	☐	☐	X
18	Will you tell participants that they may withdraw from the research at any time and for any reason?	X	☐	☐
19	With questionnaires, will you give participants the option of omitting questions they do not want to answer?	X	☐	☐
20	Will you tell participants that their data will be treated with full confidentiality and that, if published, it will not be identifiable as theirs?	X	☐	☐
21	Will you debrief participants at the end of their participation, in a way appropriate to the type of research undertaken?	X	☐	☐
22	If NO to any of above questions, please give an explanation			
<i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>				

	Information for participants:	YES	NO	N/A
24	Will participants be paid?	☐	X	☐
25	Is specialist electrical or other equipment to be used with participants?	☐	X	☐
26	Are there any financial or other interests to the investigator or University arising from this study?	☐	X	☐
27	Will the research activity involve deliberately misleading participants in any way, or the partial or full concealment of the specific study aims?	☐	X	☐
28	If YES to any question, please provide full details			
<i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>				

SECTION H: Anticipated Risks

Outline any anticipated risks that may adversely affect any of the participants, the researchers and/or the University, and the steps that will be taken to address them. If you have completed a full risk assessment (for example as required by a laboratory, or external research collaborator) you may append that to this form.			
1	Full risk assessment completed and appended?	Yes	☐
		No	X
2	Risks to participants For example: sector-specific health & safety, emotional distress, financial disclosure, physical harm, transfer of personal data, sensitive organisational information		

	Risk to participants: Emotional Distress: Discussions about leadership challenges or organizational health may evoke personal or professional sensitivities. Transfer of Personal Data: Unauthorized access to or mishandling of participants' personal data during storage or transfer. Sensitive Organizational Information: Participants may discuss sensitive or proprietary organizational details during interviews or focus groups. Sector-Specific Health & Safety: Physical health and safety concerns. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>	<i>How you will mitigate the risk to participants:</i> Emotional Distress: Inform participants about the nature of the questions in advance and allow them to skip any question or withdraw at any time without explanation. Provide contact information for support if needed. Transfer of Personal Data: Anonymize all data, encrypt stored and transferred data, and ensure no identifying information is included in reports or publications. Sensitive Organizational Information: Implement strict confidentiality measures, aggregate data in reports, and remind participants not to disclose unauthorized or confidential information. Sector-Specific Health & Safety: Conduct all research activities remotely (e.g., video conferencing, online surveys) to eliminate physical health and safety risks. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>
3	If research activity may include sensitive, embarrassing or upsetting topics (e.g. sexual activity, drug use) or issues likely to disclose information requiring further action (e.g. criminal activity), give details of the procedures to deal with these issues, including any support/advice (e.g. helpline numbers) to be offered to participants. Note that where applicable, consent procedures should make it clear that if something potentially or actually illegal is discovered in the course of a project, it may need to be disclosed to the proper authorities	
	N/A <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>	
4	Risks to the investigator For example: personal health & safety, physical harm, emotional distress, risk of accusation of harm/impropriety, conflict of interest	
	Risk to the investigator: 1. Personal Health & Safety 2. Risk of Accusation of Harm/Impropriety 3. Data Security Breach <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>	<i>How you will mitigate the risk to the investigator:</i> 1. Conduct all research remotely to eliminate physical risks associated with travel or in-person interactions. 2. Adhere strictly to ethical guidelines, maintain transparency in communications, and ensure all interactions are documented. 3. Follow best practices for secure data handling, including encryption and restricted access to sensitive information. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>

5	University/institutional risks For example: adverse publicity, financial loss, data protection		
	Risk to the University: 1. Adverse Publicity 2. Data Protection 3. Legal Liability (this box should expand as you type)	<i>How you will mitigate the risk to the University:</i> 1. Ensure research aligns with ethical standards, maintain participant confidentiality, and present findings responsibly to avoid misrepresentation. 2. Follow institutional data protection policies, use secure storage methods, encrypt sensitive information, and limit access to authorized personnel. 3. Obtain informed consent, follow ethical guidelines, and document all procedures to demonstrate compliance with regulations. (this box should expand as you type)	
6	Environmental risks For example: accidental spillage of pollutants, damage to local ecosystems		
	Risk to the environment: None. (this box should expand as you type)	<i>How you will mitigate the risk to environment:</i> (this box should expand as you type)	

Disclosure and Barring Service				
	If the research activity involves children or vulnerable adults, a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate must be obtained before any contact with such participants.	YES	NO	N/A
7	Does your research require you to hold a current DBS Certificate?	☐	☒	☐
8	If YES, please give the certificate number. If the certificate number is not available please write "Pending"; in this case any ethical approval will be subject to providing the appropriate certificate number.			

SECTION I: Feedback, Consent and Confidentiality

1	Feedback What de-briefing and feedback will be provided to participants, how will this be done and when?
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	In this postgraduate master's research, participants will not receive a formal debriefing or summary following the study, as this is not an expected component of the program's requirements. However, participants will be given the option to express their interest in being involved in future studies. These subsequent studies may provide greater opportunities for debriefing, feedback, and further engagement, ensuring they remain informed and have the chance to contribute to ongoing research efforts. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>
2	Informed consent Describe the arrangements to inform potential participants, before providing consent, of what is involved in participating. Describe the arrangements for participants to provide full consent before data collection begins. If gaining consent in this way is inappropriate, explain how consent will be obtained and recorded in accordance with prevailing data protection legislation.
	Potential participants will be informed about the study through a detailed participant information sheet, provided via email prior to their participation. This document will outline the purpose of the research, the methods involved, the expected time commitment, and any potential risks or benefits. It will also explain how their data will be handled, including measures to ensure confidentiality and anonymity, their right to withdraw at any time without penalty, and how findings will be shared. Participants will be required to provide full consent before any data collection begins. Consent will be obtained through a digital consent form included with the information sheet, where participants will indicate their understanding and agreement to participate by electronically signing or checking a consent box. This method ensures compliance with data protection legislation and creates a secure record of consent. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>
3	Confidentiality / Anonymity Set out how anonymity of participants and confidentiality will be ensured in any outputs. If anonymity is not being offered, explain why this is the case.
	Participants' anonymity and confidentiality will be ensured by removing all identifiable information, such as names, job titles, and organizational details, from research outputs. Pseudonyms or unique identifiers will be used, and data will be securely stored, with access restricted to the principal researcher. Any quotes or examples included in the findings will be anonymized to prevent identification. If a participant opts to waive anonymity, this will be documented with additional consent, and their privacy will be respected as requested. These measures ensure data protection and confidentiality throughout the study. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>

SECTION J: Data Protection and Storage

	Does the research activity involve personal data (as defined by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 “GDPR” and the Data Protection Act 2018 “DPA”)?	YES	NO
1	“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (‘data subject’). An identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. Any video or audio recordings of participants is considered to be personal data.	☐	X
	If YES, provide a description of the data and explain why this data needs to be collected:		
2	(this box should expand as you type)		
	Does it involve special category data (as defined by the GDPR)?	YES	NO
3	“Special category data” means sensitive personal data consisting of information as to the data subjects’ – (a) racial or ethnic origin, (b) political opinions, (c) religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature, (d) membership of a trade union (within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992), (e) physical or mental health or condition, (f) sexual life, (g) genetics, (h) biometric data (as used for ID purposes),	☐	X
	If YES, provide a description of the special category data and explain why this data needs to be collected:		
4	(this box should expand as you type)		

	Will data from the research activity (collected data, drafts of the thesis, or materials for publication) be stored in any of the following ways?	YES	NO
5	Manual files (i.e. in paper form)?	☐	X
6	University computers?	☐	X
7	Private company computers?	☐	X
8	Home or other personal computers?	X	☐
9	Laptop computers/ CDs/ Portable disk-drives/ memory sticks?	X	☐
10	“Cloud” storage or websites?	X	
11	Other – specify:	☐	X
12	For all stored data, explain the measures in place to ensure the security of the data collected, data confidentiality, including details of backup procedures, password protection, encryption, anonymisation and pseudonymisation:		

	All data will be securely stored with digital files encrypted, password-protected, and backed up on a secure cloud platform. Access will be restricted to the principal researcher. Data will be anonymized using unique identifiers or pseudonyms, and physical documents will be kept in a locked location. Regular backups will be conducted, and all data will be securely deleted when no longer needed, ensuring confidentiality and compliance with data protection laws. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>
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Data Protection			
	Will the research activity involve any of the following activities:	YES	NO
13	Electronic transfer of data in any form?		X
14	Sharing of data with others at the University outside of the immediate research team?	☐	X
15	Sharing of data with other organisations?	☐	X
16	Export of data outside the UK or importing of data from outside the UK?	☐	X
17	Use of personal addresses, postcodes, faxes, emails or telephone numbers?	☐	X
18	Publication of data that might allow identification of individuals?	☐	X
19	Use of data management system?	☐	X
20	Data archiving?	☐	X
21	If YES to any question, please provide full details, explaining how this will be conducted in accordance with the GDPR and Data Protection Act (2018) (and any international equivalents, where appropriate): <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		
22	List all who will have access to the data generated by the research activity: Principal researcher. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		
23	List who will have control of, and act as custodian(s) for, data generated by the research activity: Principal researcher. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		
24	Give details of data storage arrangements, including security measures in place to protect the data, where data will be stored, how long for, and in what form. Will data be archived – if so how and if not why not.		

	Data will be securely stored as encrypted digital files on a password-protected device with cloud backups, and there will be no physical documents. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		
25	Please indicate if your data will be stored in the UWTSD Research Data Repository (see https://researchdata.uwtsd.ac.uk/). If so please explain. <i>(Most relevant to academic staff)</i>		
	No. <i>(this box should expand as you type)</i>		
26	Confirm that you have read the UWTSD guidance on data management (see https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library/research-data-management/)	YES	X
27	Confirm that you are aware that you need to keep all data until after your research has completed or the end of your funding	YES	X

SECTION K: Declaration

The information which I have provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have attempted to identify any risks and issues related to the research activity and acknowledge my obligations and the rights of the participants. In submitting this application I hereby confirm that I undertake to ensure that the above named research activity will meet the University's Research Ethics and Integrity Code of Practice which is published on the website: https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/research/research-ethics/			
1	Signature of applicant:	Ruth Lorensen	Date: January 21, 2025

For STUDENT Submissions:

2	Director of Studies/ Supervisor:		Date:
3	Signature:		

For STAFF Submissions:

4	Academic Director/ Assistant Dean:		Date:
5	Signature:		

Checklist: Please complete the checklist below to ensure that you have completed the form according to the guidelines and attached any required documentation:

X	I have read the guidance notes supplied before completing the form.
X	I have completed ALL RELEVANT sections of the form in full.
X	I confirm that the research activity has received approval in principle
☐	I have attached a copy of final/interim approval from external organisation (where appropriate)
☐	I have attached a full risk assessment (where appropriate) ONLY TICK IF YOU HAVE ATTACHED A FULL RISK ASSESSMENT
X	I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the above named research activity will meet the University's Research Ethics and Integrity Code of Practice.
X	I understand that before commencing data collection all documents aimed at respondents (including information sheets, consent forms, questionnaires, interview schedules etc.) must be confirmed by the DoS/Supervisor, module tutor or Academic Director.

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