



# Introduction to Research Ethics

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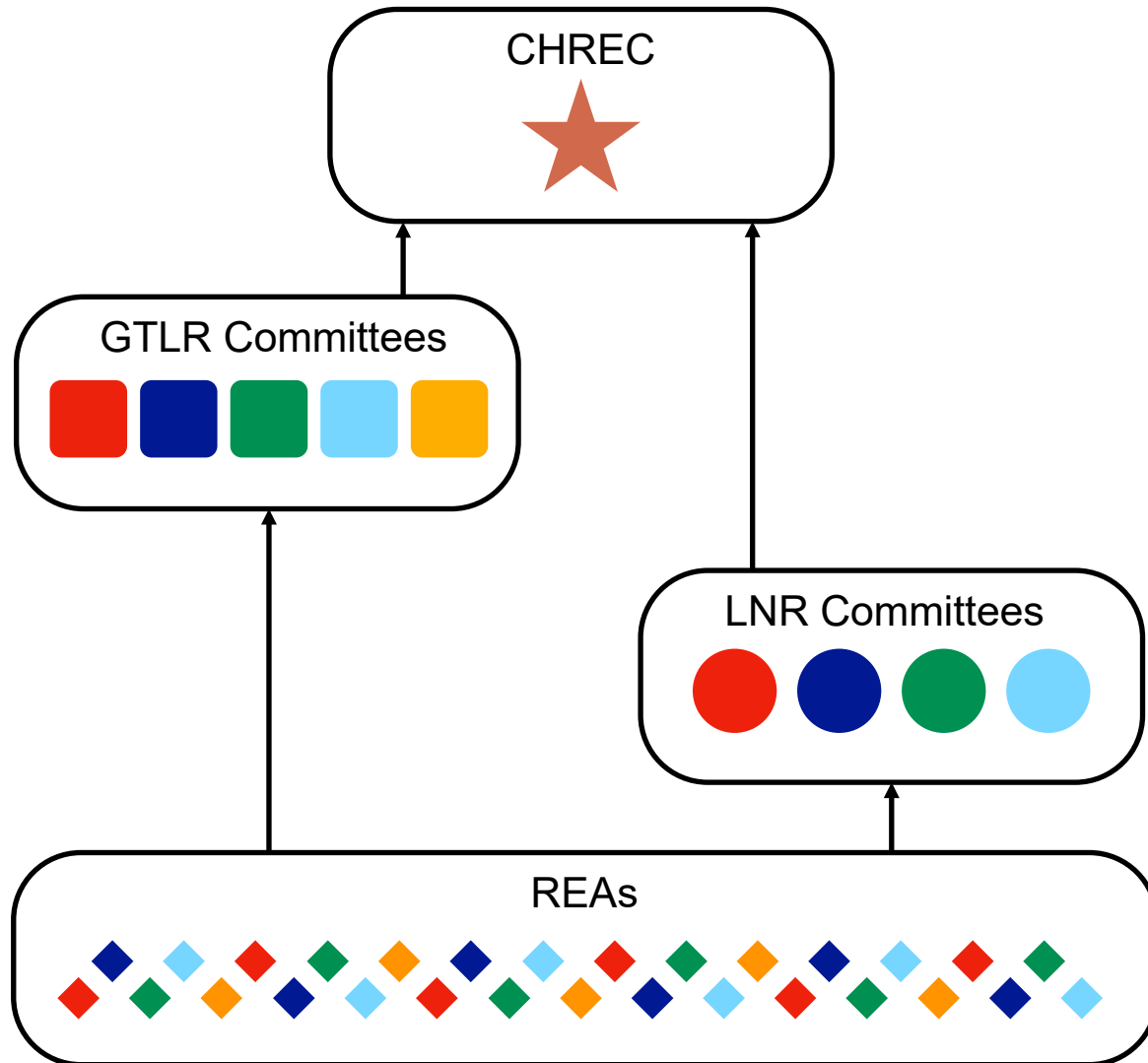
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# Introduction

**Human research conducted by students and staff of the University of Melbourne requires ethical approval**

# Ethics review structure



## 1 CHREC

- Responsible for oversight of all matters pertaining to human research
- Policy development and appeals

## 5 GTLR Committees in 2 Streams

- Responsible for review and approval of standard research projects
- Broad representative membership

## 16 LNR Committees in 4 Streams

- Responsible for review and approval of low- and negligible-risk projects
- Populated by academics and HDR students

## Research Ethics Advisors

- Responsible for pre-review of all project types
- Academics within Schools and Departments



# Types of application

Amendments

Registrations

Transfers

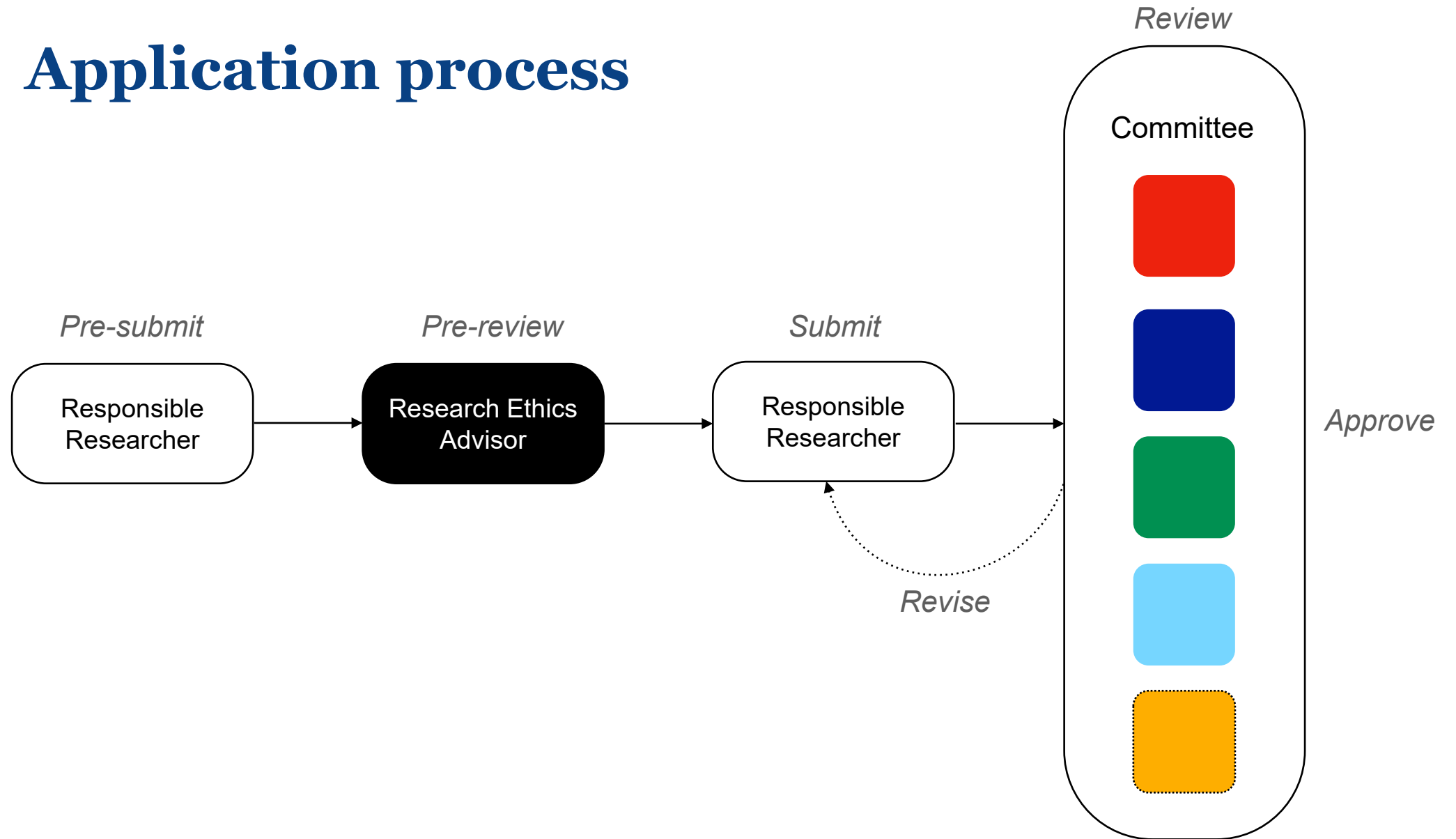
New applications

- Minimal risk
- Standard project
- Project within program

*Working through the first few screens in Infonetica may help you work out what kind of application you will need.*



# Application process





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1. Discuss the ethical dimensions of your project with your supervisor
2. Create new application in Infonetica ERM
3. Prepare and upload required documents
4. Submit application for pre-review (*new applications only*)
5. Respond to REA feedback (*new applications only*)
6. Submit application for committee review
7. Respond to committee feedback if required
8. Commence research on receipt of approval letter



# More information

## ***First port of call***

- Your supervisor
- Research gateway  
<https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/resources/ethics-and-integrity/human-ethics/apply-for-ethics-approval>

## ***For general matters***

- Office for Research Ethics and Integrity  
<http://www.orei.unimelb.edu.au/>

## ***For technical matters***

- ServiceNow Research Domain Systems Request  
<https://unimelb.service-now.com/research>

## ***For local matters***

- MSPS Research Ethics Website & Advisors  
<https://psychologicalsciences.unimelb.edu.au/research/research-ethics>