

## **HHUis-IRB Application form**

### **Corresponding author**

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**Email:** Please enter your email address.

**Department:** Please enter your department.

**Supervisor:** Please enter first and last name of your supervisor (if you have one).

**Title:** Please enter the title of the project you seek approval for.

### **Co-author(s)**

#### **Name(s) and affiliation(s):**

Please enter full name(s) and affiliation(s) of your co-author(s). Please use a new line for each co-author. For example:

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### **Summary of your study plan**

#### **Which of the following applies to your project? (click all that apply)**

- Participation in the research deviates from the principle of informed consent, in the sense that the participants are not informed about being studied (e.g., field experiments, observational studies in public places)
- The research involves intervening in the physical integrity of research participants (e.g., having them eat, smell, or touch something, as an intervention)
- Participants are recruited from a subject population of potentially vulnerable participants, for example, minors under the age of 16
- The research project exposes participants to exceptionally strong stimuli (e.g., intense/graphic photos or videos)
- The research project involves a risk of causing mental harm (including psychological stress, discomfort, or anxiety in participants, researchers or research staff) that exceeds the limits of normal daily life to the research participants or their family members or others closest to them
- Conducting the research could involve a threat to the safety of participants or researchers or their family members or others closest to them
- I can reasonably rule out that research participants decide to participate in the study mainly because of a power relation
- Participation will be completely voluntarily and able to be withdrawn at any point in time, including after the study begins, and participants will be informed about this
- There is no foreseeable chance that the study imposes physiological or financial or professional risks to participants, researchers, or research staff

#### **Please select all methods that apply in your study (or any of its substudies).**

- A questionnaire/survey will be used.
- Interviews will be conducted.
- There will be (covert) observation.
- Qualitative visual or multimodal data will be collected.
- Bio-physiological measurements will be collected.

**Where will the study be conducted? (click all that apply)**

- Online (Internet, Social media, Virtual world, etc.)
- In-person laboratory
- Via pen-and-paper (posted letters, surveys, etc.)
- In-person in the field (homes, businesses, public places, ...)
- In-person in developing countries / outside of the EU

Other: Please explain.

**Project description**

Please describe the basic research design and procedures of your study. Specify what type of content/stimuli and interventions you are exposing participants to. If it is an experiment (RCT), please describe the different treatments/conditions/manipulations. You may also describe in more detail why you are requesting ethical review.

**Risks and benefits**

Please describe any potential risks you might be exposing participants to. This includes the use of their time and opportunity cost related to participating in the study. If you have run a pilot for this project, please describe if you have discovered any risks or benefits during that process. If your study is a standard laboratory experiment and there are no anticipated risks, you may simply answer "None".

**How will participants be recruited for this study?**

Please explain.

**Are participants compensated for participating in this study, and if so, how?**

Please explain.

**Will participants be deceived in the study about any aspect of the study?**

Please choose.

**Has the study (or part of the study) already been conducted?** (Note: This question does not refer to any pilots or parts of the project that you do not seek approval for.)

Please choose.

**Do you have Sikt Approval?**

If you have approval, please answer 'Yes' and attach the approval when you submit this application. If not, please explain why.

**Are you informing participants that they are taking part in a research study and/or collecting informed consent?**

If you inform participants or collect informed consent, please answer 'Yes' and include the

relevant information (or attach the informed consent statement when submitting this application). If not, please explain why.

**Are there any other documents that are important for the evaluation of your project?**

If you consider any other documents relevant for ethical approval (e.g., instructions for participants), please list them here and attach the documents when submitting your application.

**Are you informing the participants about the results of the research?**

If you provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the results of the project (for example, via e-mail, public dissemination, or by publishing 'open access'), please elaborate.

**I hereby confirm that I have read the Guidelines** for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities provided by National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (NESH) **and confirm that I have shared all information that is relevant for ethical evaluation of the project.**