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Ethics
Management
Solution

Ethics applications are complex and labour-intensive, but they are vital to ensuring high-integrity, high-quality and successful projects. ResearchMaster's Ethics Management Solution, aligned with Australian legislation and best-practice guidelines from the NMHRC, takes the hard work out of ethics applications, submissions, reviews, and approvals.

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By combining the power of a streamlined and intuitive interface with smart forms and centralised storage of accurate and up-to-date data, the Ethics Management Solution takes the hard work and confusion out of ethics applications, reviews and outcomes.

With diverse options for integration with existing systems, data can be automatically pre-populated into relevant data fields, ensuring accuracy and eliminating the unnecessary double-handling that often marks the ethics approval process. The Ethics Management Solution uses smart forms to make sure the correct follow-up questions are asked when specific applications are created—for example, animal ethics applications will flow through to questions about species data, justification for use, procedures, animal numbers and the three Rs.

The solution enables straightforward amendments in response to feedback and empowers reviewers, committees or panels to confidently assess ethics applications from anywhere, at any time, by accessing them online. This helps research institutions meet their sustainability goals, too, by eliminating excessive use of paper.

The Ethics Management Solution is an Australian product, designed, developed, supported and implemented in Australia and wholly Australian-owned. It's designed specifically for the Australian and New Zealand research landscape, and is therefore sensitive to the needs of local universities and attentive to guideline and policy changes as they emerge—vital, in the fast-evolving environment of research regulation. Despite this local focus, the Ethics Management Solution also strives to be customisable, too, so it can meet international standards to ensure it is suitable for collaborative projects.

As the Ethics Management Solution is part of the ResearchMaster Enterprise product suite, it is fully compatible with other modules like Grants Management or HDR Management.

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

- ResearchMaster's Ethics Management Solution is designed for the end user, so its interface is intuitive and easy to use.

- Data can be automatically pre-populated into forms, preventing researchers and administrators from seeking out and entering data multiple times into different systems.

- Smart forms contain logic to make sure the right questions are asked when an application is created, ensuring all the necessary information is collected the first time, every time.

- Automatic risk calculations are made using pre-defined rules and automatic branching flags applications for additional review. Together these ensure that applications can be evaluated fully by the right reviewers.

- Alterations to ethics applications are easily managed. Researchers can submit corrections to their existing applications, and new amendments that arise during the course of a research project can be introduced as new versions without confusion.

- Species related data, like requested, approved, and used animal numbers, can be easily captured and analysed with customisable forms and reports.

- Applications can be allocated directly to individual reviewers, panels or committees, to be accessed online, from anywhere, at any time.

- Reviewers using the solution are able to create comments to collaborate with committee members or provide feedback on applications.

- Ethics management is compatible with the best-practice guidelines espoused by the ARC and NMHRC, alongside critical Australian legislation like the Privacy Act 1988.

- Data is centralised, with a single source of data truth that holds the most up-to-date and accurate information, ensuring full visibility and transparency in ethics processes.

- The entire ethics application and review lifecycle is supported with data management and application infrastructure that eliminates much of the administrative burden of ethics applications.

- Committee meetings, committee members, meeting agendas and application assignments can all be managed through the dedicated committee management function.

- Administrators can create automated notifications for renewals and mandatory reporting, to ensure that no milestone or requirement is missed.

- Australian-made, developed, supported and owned, the Ethics Management Solution is ideal for the Australian and New Zealand research landscape. It is highly sensitive to local policy and regulatory updates, while ensuring appropriate alignment with international standards.

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