

# Research Ethics

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All research activities in Tasmanian public health services must have BOTH [research governance approval](#) and ethics approval before commencing.

The University of Tasmania HREC is the primary forum for ethics review in Tasmania. For more information, go to the [UTAS Research Integrity and Ethics Unit](#) website.

The Department of Health Tasmania supports researchers in Tasmanian public health services by funding ethical review of research projects, that involve patients, clients and staff members of public health services, through a contract with the University of Tasmania.

To assist the Department, please consider the following when completing the Finance and Administration Form for your HREC application:

- The most appropriate classification of your research activity, eg General Medical vs Low or Negligible Risk
- The type of sponsor for your research activity,
  - Commercial sponsor eg pharmaceutical company or other for profit organisation
  - Collaborative group with other research organisations or not-for-profit organisations
  - Collaborative group with external funding sources or grants (eg NHMRC or Future Fund grants)
  - Investigator-initiated studies (eg Tasmanian sites only, THS/UTAS joint studies etc)

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