**Application for Research Ethics Approval FOR STUDENTS (SHUREC8A)**

**SECTION A: Research Protocol**

**Important Note** - If you have already written a research proposal (e.g. for a funder) that answers the methodology questions in this section please include a copy of the proposal and leave those questions blank. You **MUST** however complete **ALL** of Section B and C (risk assessment).

**1. Student Name:**

**Faculty:**

**Email address:**

**2. Title of research:**

**3. Supervisor:**

**Email address:**

**4. Proposed duration of project**

**Start date:** **End Date:**

**5. Location of research if outside SHU:**

**6. Background to the study and scientific rationale** (500- 750 words approx.)

**7.** **Main research questions**

**8. Summary of methods including proposed data analyses**

**SECTION B: Ethics Proforma**

**1. Describe the arrangements for selecting/sampling and briefing potential participants.** This should include copies of any advertisements for volunteers, letters to individuals/organisations inviting participation and participant information sheets. The sample sizes with power calculations if appropriate should be included.

**2. What is the potential for participants to benefit from participation in the research?**

**3. Describe any possible negative consequences of participation in the research along with the ways in which these consequences will be limited.**

**4. Describe the arrangements for obtaining participants' consent.** This should include copies of the information that they will receive & written consent forms where appropriate. If children or young people are to be participants in the study details of the arrangements for obtaining consent from parents or those acting in *loco parentis* or as advocates should be provided.

**5. Describe how participants will be made aware of their right to withdraw from the research.** This should also include information about participants' right to withhold information and a reasonable time span for withdrawal should be specified.

**6.** **If your project requires that you work with vulnerable participants describe how you will implement safeguarding procedures during data collection.**

**7. If Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are required, please supply details**

**8. Describe the arrangements for debriefing the participants.** This should include copies of the information that participants will receive where appropriate.

**9. Describe the arrangements for ensuring participant confidentiality.** This should include details of:

* + how data will be stored to ensure compliance with data protection legislation
  + how results will be presented
  + exceptional circumstances where confidentiality may not be preserved
  + how and when confidential data will be disposed of

**10. Are there any conflicts of interest in you undertaking this research?** (E.g. are you undertaking research on work colleagues or in an organisation where you are a consultant?) Please supply details of how this will be addressed.

**11. What are the expected outcomes, impacts and benefits of the research?**

**12. Please give details of any plans for dissemination of the results of the research.**

**SECTION C**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE RESEARCHER**

1. **Will the proposed data collection take place on campus?**

Yes (Please answer questions 4, 6 and 7)

No (Please complete all questions)

1. **Where will the data collection take place?**

(Tick as many as apply if data collection will take place in multiple venues)

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|  | **Location** | **Please specify** |
|  | Researcher's Residence |  |
|  | Participant's Residence |  |
|  | Education Establishment |  |
|  | Other e.g. business/voluntary organisation, public venue |  |
|  | Outside UK |  |

1. **How will you travel to and from the data collection venue?**

 On foot  By car  Public Transport

 Other (Please specify)

Please outline how you will ensure your personal safety when travelling to and from the data collection venue

1. **How will you ensure your own personal safety whilst at the research venue?**

1. **If you are carrying out research off-campus, you must ensure that each time you go out to collect data you ensure that someone you trust knows where you are going (without breaching the confidentiality of your participants), how you are getting there (preferably including your travel route), when you expect to get back, and what to do should you not return at the specified time.** Please outline here the procedure you propose using to do this.

1. **Are there any potential risks to your health and wellbeing associated with either (a) the venue where the research will take place and/or (b) the research topic itself?**

 None that I am aware of

 Yes (Please outline below including steps taken to minimise risk)

**7**. **Does this research project require a health and safety risk analysis for the procedures to be used?**

Yes

No

(If **YES** the completed Health and Safety Project Safety Plan for Procedures should be attached)

**Adherence to SHU policy and procedures**

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| **Personal statement** | |
| I confirm that:   * this research will conform to the principles outlined in the Sheffield Hallam University Research Ethics policy * this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge | |
| **Student** | |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| **Supervisor** | |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| **Other signature (**if applicable**)** | |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**Please ensure the following are included with this form if applicable, tick box to indicate:**

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|  | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** |
| Research proposal if prepared previously |  |  |  |
| Any recruitment materials (e.g. posters, letters, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Participant information sheet |  |  |  |
| Participant consent form |  |  |  |
| Details of measures to be used (e.g. questionnaires, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Outline interview schedule / focus group schedule |  |  |  |
| Debriefing materials |  |  |  |
| Health and Safety Project Safety Plan for Procedures |  |  |  |