

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

**Faculty Research Ethics Committee**

**Powers and Duties**

1. To advise the Faculty Board and the Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) on the ethics involved in all investigations involving human and animal subjects carried out under the auspices of the Faculty of Education (including the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning).
2. To oversee appropriate training and orientation sessions on ethical matters for all staff and students, and to nominate and certify delegates to act on behalf of the Faculty Research Ethics Committee when and if appropriate.
3. To receive and advise on individual research protocols for funded and unfunded research submitted by staff members and research higher degree students to the Committee, for onward transmission and recommendation to the HREC that ethical requirements have been fulfilled.
4. To consider individual research protocols submitted by taught postgraduate coursework students and undergraduate students via their supervisor, to certify that all ethical requirements have been fulfilled, and to refer special or appeal cases to the HREC for deliberation as appropriate.
5. To monitor and evaluate the progress of approved projects to ensure that ethical requirements are being met.
6. To prepare and submit annual statistical reports on the number of approved applications/re-submissions and any acute incidents which have occurred, to the HREC.

**Membership**

1. Chairperson - Associate Dean (Research), or nominee.
2. Members of the Faculty Board, two from each Division, elected from and by the Faculty Board members in their Division for appointment for two years, and eligible for reappointment.
3. Two professoriate staff members from the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, nominated by the Director of the Centre, for appointment for two years, and eligible for reappointment.
4. The member(s) of the Faculty on the Human Research Ethics Committee, nominated by the Dean and appointed by the Faculty Board.
5. Associate Dean (Research Higher Degrees)
6. Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching)
7. Co-opted members with relevant expertise, as deemed necessary by the Committee.

**NOTE:**

Members shall not review their own or their students' research protocols.