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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (UREC)

SUBMISSION DEADLINES 2025	Corresponding HREC meeting date (only applicable to <u>more</u> <u>than minimal risk research</u> *)	
29 JANUARY	5 March	HREC 1
12 FEBRUARY	19 March	HREC 2
26 FEBRUARY	2 April	HREC 1
12 MARCH	16 April	HREC 2
26 MARCH	7 May	HREC 1
9 APRIL	21 May	HREC 2
14 MAY	18 June	HREC 2
28 MAY	2 July	HREC 1
25 JUNE	6 August	HREC 1
9 JULY	20 August	HREC 2
30 JULY	3 September	HREC 1
13 AUGUST	17 September	HREC 2
27 AUGUST	1 October	HREC 1
10 SEPTEMBER	15 October	HREC 2
25 SEPTEMBER	5 November	HREC 1
8 OCTOBER	19 November	HREC 2
12 NOVEMBER	21 January 2026	HREC 2
26 NOVEMBER	4 February 2026	HREC 1

* Submit your research by one of the above deadlines. The UREC Coordinator will determine whether your research is minimal risk or more than minimal risk¹. If your research is <u>minimal risk research</u>, it will go into the expedited cycle. You should receive feedback on your application within 2-4 weeks of submission deadline.

If your research is <u>more than minimal risk research</u>, it will be reviewed at the full HREC committee meeting that corresponds to your submission deadline. You should receive feedback on your application within 2 weeks of the relevant HREC committee meeting.

¹*Minimal risk research* is research where the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research is not more than that ordinarily encountered in daily life, or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations. Examples: non-invasive procedures such as focus groups, questionnaires, interviews or record reviews. Research that uses these sorts of procedures but that involves vulnerable populations (e.g. children, persons with mental illness etc.) might be classified as *more than minimal risk research*.