

REC: Social, Behavioural and Education Research (REC: SBE)

MEETING DATES: 2024

NOTE: Please consult your Faculty or Department Ethics Screening Committee coordinator for internal submission and review dates to prepare your submission for a REC meeting.

REC AGENDA CLOSING DATE FOR MEDIUM AND HIGH-RISK PROJECTS	REC REVIEW MEETING DATES FOR MEDIUM AND HIGH-RISK PROJECTS
25 January	22 February
7 March	27 March
4 April	25 April
2 May	23 May
30 May	20 June
27 June	25 July
1 August	22 August
29 August	19 September
3 October	24 October
31 October (final submissions from DESC)	21 November (final REC meeting)

GUIDELINES FOR FESCs/DESCs:

1) Research Ethics applications may require initial review by a Faculty or Department Ethics Screening Committee (FESC/DESC) before it is submitted to the REC. DESC review times may vary. It is the researcher's responsibility to contact their relevant DESC/FESC for information about department specific deadlines and review turnaround times: [DESC process and DESC contact details](#).

2) Medium and High-risk applications must be submitted to the REC office by the DESC agenda closing date. Late submissions will stand over to the next scheduled meeting.

3) Please allow enough time for the DESC or REC review process. Researchers may not commence with recruitment and data collection until ethics clearance is confirmed by a DESC (for low-risk projects) or the REC (for medium or high-risk projects). The REC (and by extension the DESC) cannot grant ethics clearance retrospectively.

4) For general enquiries and advice about the REC process, please contact Mr Aden Williams at: aden@sun.ac.za / 021 808 9185