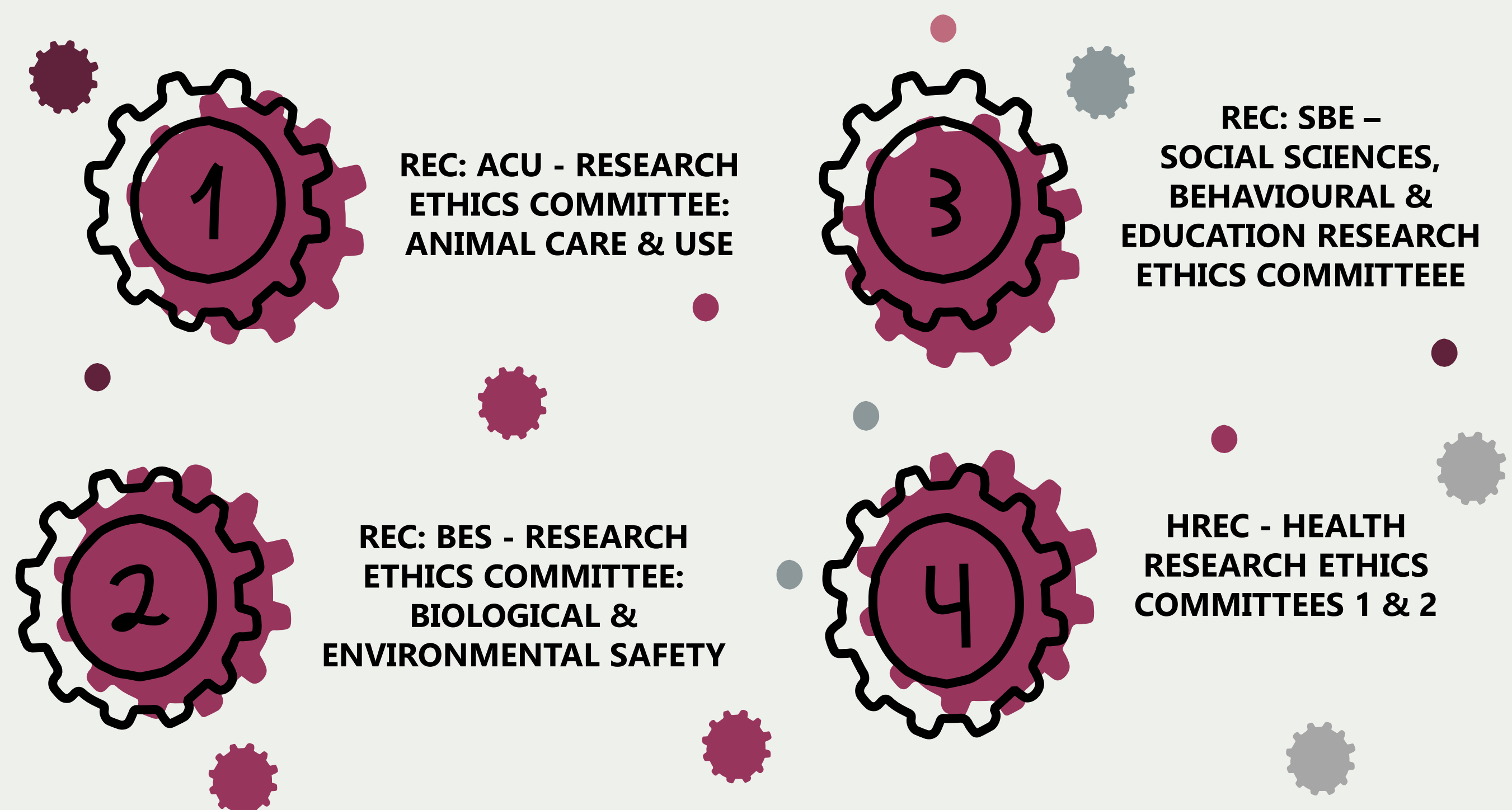


RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES (RECs)

Research Ethics Committees (RECs), under oversight of the Senate Research Ethics Committee (SREC), include:



WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF EACH REC?

Research Ethics Committees at SU have specific mandates for reviewing research ethics considerations and are established in accordance with legislation, regulations, as well as national and international ethics guidelines.

REC: ACU

is mandated to review research and teaching activities that involve the use of live, non-human vertebrates and higher invertebrates such as advanced members of the Cephalopoda and Decapoda, including eggs, fetuses and embryos (where development of an integrated nervous system is evident).

REC: BES

reviews research that is potentially hazardous to humans, animals, or the environment (such as research that may involve work related to recombinant DNA, pathogens and infectious agents, biological toxins or engineered nanomaterials).

HREC

(and sub-committee Undergraduate Research Ethics Committee (UREC)) reviews research protocols to ensure compliance in the protection of human participant safety, rights, and welfare in health research. UREC is responsible for ethics review of research undertaken by undergraduate and Honours students whilst HREC manages submissions from postgraduate students and staff.

REC: SBE

reviews research that involves the participation of individuals or groups, or the use of personal or confidential information in Social Science, Arts and Humanities, Economics and Management and Education research.

DO I NEED ETHICS CLEARANCE FROM MORE THAN ONE COMMITTEE FOR MY STUDY?

In most cases, research projects should only be submitted to one Research Ethics Committee (REC). However, some projects may fall under multiple regulatory compliance frameworks, which would require review by multiple RECs. If you are unsure whether your study requires approval from another REC, it's best to speak with your REC representative. This will help ensure that the ethics approval process is not delayed.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

If you have any questions regarding which committee to submit your study to, please scan the QR Code to be directed to the REC website where you can reach out to their representatives.

The RECs each have different application forms that are designed to obtain the specific information that the relevant committee must review and report on, so your application cannot simply be rerouted to another committee.

