

Research Ethics Appeals Procedure:

A.6.1 An appeal against a decision by a College Research Ethics Committee may be made to the University Research Ethics Committee only on the grounds that there has been demonstrable material irregularity in the conduct of the Committee's procedures. The decision of the University Research Ethics Committee will be final.

Similarly, an appeal against a decision by the University Research Ethics Committee may only be made on the same grounds. The decision of the RKE (RKE) Steering Committee will be final.

A.6.2 The appellant shall submit his or her appeal in writing to the University Research Ethics Committee (or RKE Steering Committee) no later than 10 working days after the receipt of the relevant Committee's decision.

A.6.3 An appeal against a decision with reference to an application considered by the University Research Ethics Committee may be made to the Research Committee only on the grounds that there has been demonstrable material irregularity in the conduct of the University Research Ethics Committee procedure.

A.6.4 The appellant shall submit in writing his or her appeal to the Research Committee no later than 10 working days after the receipt of the University Research Ethics Committee's decision.

A.6.5 The conclusion of an appeal may determine:

- That the appeal is upheld and referred to the University Research Ethics Committee (or RKE Steering Committee) for review; or
- That the original decision of the College or University Research Ethics Committee is upheld and that no further action be taken.

A.6.6 The result of an appeal will be notified in writing to the appellant within 10 working days of the decision being reached.