

# Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Office Notification

## The Basics of Animal Research Ethics - Hybrid Training

Dear Staff and Post-graduate students

Following the promulgation of the 2nd edition of the Ethics in Health Research: Principles, Processes and Structures guideline document (2015), it has become a requirement for all researchers applying for ethical approval, to provide proof of formal assessed training in research ethics, within a three-year cycle. For proof of training when undertaking ethics applications to the **North-West University Animal Care, Health and Safety Research Ethics Committee (NWU-AnimCareREC)**, proof of attendance of the “Basics of Animal Research Ethics” training course is required, as well as the completion of the NWU-Vivarium animal handling training program.

The Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Office for Research, Training and Support will be providing “The Basics of Animal Research Ethics” course in an **hybrid format**. This course will be presented twice this year (once in each semester) and will cater for attendance from all three campuses. It is requested that all staff and postgraduate students please make use of either one of these opportunities.

The format of the “The Basics of Animal Research Ethics” course will be as follows:

- a) After registering for the course, delegates will be furnished with a link to access the online course material
- b) Delegates will be given a month to work through this material
- c) Following this period, there will be two contact sessions which will be presented in a hybrid format, during which delegates will be able to interact with the presenters, on the course material.
- d) Delegates only need to attend one of these contact sessions, after which they will receive a link to the assessment, which will have to be completed within the next week.
- e) The assessment itself will be an online multiple-choice test, on the Efundi platform, which delegates will have to pass to obtain the letter of attendance and assessment.

The “Basics of Animal Research Ethics” training session will occur as indicated below:

### The Basics of Animal Research Ethics – (All Campuses) (For researchers doing research involving animals)

Access to online presentations	7 <sup>th</sup> March - 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Contact sessions	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (09:00 – 13: 00)
	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (09:00 – 13: 00)
Assessment period	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

*(One of the contact sessions must be attended in full to obtain the letter of attendance)*

**Presenters:** Prof Minrie Greeff, Prof Tiaan Brink, Dr Wihan Pheiffer and Prof Ché Weldon

Please register before/on the **1<sup>st</sup> of March 2025** by completing the registration form. Scan the QR or use link to register. Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/bwm1bTGyVp?origin=lprLink>



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Kind Regards,  
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