

MSc Research Ethics Student project details 2018-2019 and research plan for 2019-20

The following research projects will be brought to fruition next year. The researchers are trained in Responsible conduct of research. All the projects have gone through the process of IRB/EC review.

Protocol No: Title of the Project: Name of the Research Scholar: Status

2019/071: Shridevi Kalkoti: Evaluation of different (standard, flipchart and audiovisual) methods of informed consent in improving the understanding of research participants in breast cancer trials: EC obtained: Tool validation ongoing

2019/072: Anindita Mondal: To assess the extent to which homeopathy researchers, postgraduate students and research guides in West Bengal are aware of the requirements of consent, addressing privacy and confidentiality and needs providing for protection of specific vulnerabilities among research participants: EC obtained: Data collection yet to start

2019/073: Khadeejath Farseena: Assessing the need for ethical guidelines in research involving cadavers: EC obtained: Data collection started for pilot testing

2019/076: R Lavanya: Assessing the composition and functioning of Ethics Committee in India and their compliance with the current laws and guidelines: EC obtained: Data collection yet to start

2019/077: Bedabrat Sharma: Do researchers know and practice? Animal research principles with respect to replacement, reduction, refinement and rehabilitation: An exploratory mixed methods study from Karnataka, Maharashtra and Assam states in India: EC obtained: Data collection yet to start

2019/078: Mohammad Salik Ansari: Perspective about spare embryos among couples who sought IVF: An exploratory study: EC obtained Recruitment started

2019/083: Rashmi Rani: What are the perception of doctors and nurses on ethical issues in enrolling the participants for research at the end of life situation in south India?: EC obtained: Data collection yet to start

2019/161: Cynthia Arunachalam: Compromised autonomy: A study of the effect of illiteracy on the participants of research: EC obtained: Tool validation in progress

There will be more time available in the last semester to complete the project and plan for publication. Monthly (formal) and fortnightly (informal) meetings with the mentors are planned in order to assess and speed up the progress of the projects.

Three of the students are in the stages of completion of papers for publication. These will be completed by the next reporting year.

In continuation of the Basic Research Program (I-SWEAR) since nine years, and keeping in mind the burgeoning research in India, an advanced research ethics program – I-CARE – Intensive Course in Advanced Research Ethics will be conducted so as to transfer capacity and skills to ethics committee members empowering them to recognize and manage ethical issues in growing research areas. This will increase the ethics trained researcher pool in India.