

Research Ethics

Aimed at postgraduate students the Research Ethics module is run as a Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) project by TCD's Irish School of Ecumenics and School of Religions and Theology in collaboration with UCC and NUIG.

Ethics is considered an integral part of research excellence from the conception of a project to its publication. Ethical sensitivity is a measure of both honesty and clarity. This module allows the student to discover what is morally relevant to the integrity of their research, and to locate their work in the context of international research ethics conventions while giving them the chance to explore issues specific to their own discipline.



The course offers an opportunity to investigate the ethical aspects and obligations of various fields of research such as:

Cultural heritage, archaeology, history
Energy, natural resources and sustainability
Clinical research on vulnerable subjects
Post-conflict communities
Genetic engineering
Animal ethics

Participants will cover the following aspects of research ethics:

Types of ethical argumentation such as deontological, utilitarian, contract, virtue or discourse ethics

Self-determination and privacy in the **use of data** in research on human subjects

Key concepts such as autonomy, dignity, informed consent, confidentiality, proxy consent, rights and obligations, preference, risk/benefit, justice, and their divergent interpretations

Ethical, legal, and social **life world implications** of research, expert cultures and civic debate.



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