

Ethical Clearance

The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA) emphasizes the importance of research ethics and adherence to sound research practices. Reliable scientific results are vital for society, the public, and businesses, making it essential for the public to trust the research process. For this reason, every researcher is expected to follow rigorous, ethical procedures. Ethical clearance is necessary for PGIA research to uphold integrity, safety, and respect for participants, communities, and the environment. Securing ethical approval reflects a commitment to protecting human and animal welfare, respecting cultural values, and safeguarding sensitive information. This process mitigates risks, prevents harm, and reinforces public confidence in academic research. Ethical clearance also aligns research with national and international standards, fostering a culture of accountability and transparency at PGIA. With many journals now requiring a research ethics permit for publication, PGIA strongly advises all research students to obtain ethical clearance before commencing their research programs.

The Process of Ethical Clearance

As part of the research proposal and ethical development process, each student is required to apply for ethical clearance. PGIA recommends that students submit their applications to the Ethical Clearance Committee at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, for all PGIA research projects.

Please use the following link to begin the process:
<https://agri.pdn.ac.lk/research/ethical-clearance-committee>

Alternatively, students can apply for Ethical Clearance from PGIS (<http://www.pgis.pdn.ac.lk/cec.php>), Faculty of Medicine (<https://med.pdn.ac.lk/admin/erc/submissions.html>) or Faculty of Allied Health Science.