Ethical Review Manager ERM – is coming 12 February!

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that our new Ethical Review Manager (ERM) system and process is scheduled to be implemented on 12 February.

ERM will replace the current ethics application process for all submissions to the University’s Ethics Committees: Animal Ethics Committee, Tasmania Social Sciences Ethics Committee, Tasmania Health and Medical Ethics Committee and its subcommittee the Tasmanian Scientific Research Advisory Committee.

What does ERM provide?

☐ A secure web-based system that will manage ethics application life cycles for the researcher, reviewer and approver.
☐ A central source of truth for all ethics projects.
☐ Tracking for all submissions pertaining to a project in one place, removing the burden of manual tracking and e-mail traffic.
☐ Questions that will direct the appropriate review pathway and only show questions that are relevant to the applicable area of research.
☐ A reduction in the potential opportunity for human error in the processing, management and retention of applications.
☐ Human Ethics will be required to use the Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) which incorporates the latest national standards for research, in line with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines and could include different terminology. This is not applicable to Animal Ethics.

What do Researchers need to do?

In preparation for the implementation of ERM on Wednesday 12 February, the Research and Integrity Unit is seeking your cooperation and support by complying with the following instructions:

1. Ethics submissions will be accepted via the current process up until 5pm AEDT on Friday 31 January.
2. Submissions cannot be accepted via the current process after 31 January and will need to be submitted on or after 12 February using the new ERM forms and process. This is because the Research Integrity and Ethics Unit will be fully committed to the preparation for ERM.
3. Continue to report UAEs and SAEs and Health and Medical Protocol Deviations during this time.

What if I cannot make the current process submission deadline?

For Human Ethics projects (not applicable to Animal Ethics), if you cannot meet 31 January deadline for lodging submissions via the current process, it is highly recommended you go to https://hrea.gov.au/ and start using the HREA now!

☐ The information required in the HREA form is seeking to elicit the same information you are used to providing.
☐ By using the HREA form now, it can be directly imported to ERM. This form can be accessed at: https://hrea.gov.au/

How do I keep up with our journey to ERM?

Visit: https://www.utas.edu.au/research-admin/research-integrity-and-ethics-unit-rieb/erm