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Students Research Ethics Committee (IIPS-SREC)

IIPS Students Research Ethics Committee has been formulated to review the research proposals submitted by the students for compliance of ethical norms. The Committee decided to adopt following steps and guidelines:

- 1) The proposals using secondary data will not require clearance from IIPS Students Research Ethics Committee.
- 2) All proposals based on primary data will require the clearance from Student Research Ethical Committee before proceeding for data collection.
- 3) Applicants should submit filled in IRB application with proposal and other necessary documents to the Convener, IRB.
- 4) PhD proposals collecting primary data on the issues such as abortion, infertility, domestic violence, anthropometric measurements, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, sexual behavior, mental health, public health/epidemiological studies, institution/hospital based studies will be considered '**Sensitive**'.
- 5) Concept committee may mark Proposals dealing with Primary Data as '**Primary but Not Sensitive**' or '**Primary and Sensitive**' and refer the same for review and approval to the Student Research Ethical Committee.
- 6) Students submitting proposals with collection of primary data/proposals marked as '**Primary but Not Sensitive**' or '**Primary and Sensitive**' by the Concept Committee, are required to complete the prescribed application format for Ethical Review along with the enclosures i.e. final proposal, informed consent forms, questionnaires, rapporteur's report and initial communication with the concerned institutions.
- 7) Proposals marked as '**Primary and Sensitive**' will also be required to make a presentation in front of the Committee Members.
- 8) Student Research Ethics Committee will provide suggestions for modifications of the proposal as required.
- 9) Applicants need to submit revised application, if required with revised proposal and other related documents (three copies).
- 10) Student Research Ethics Committee will provide approval after submission of modified proposals and documents.

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