11. Research Involving Human Subjects

Overview
Provides information related to UAEU requirements and resources for research involving human subjects.

Scope
Applies to all activities that involve research with human subjects (in whole or in part) for which at least one of the following criteria is met:

1. The research is conducted by or under the direction of faculty members, staff members, or students of the UAEU;
2. The research is conducted by an external organization, with sponsorship from the UAEU or with participation of its faculty members, staff members, or students, or using any property or facility of the University;
3. The research involves the use of UAEU’s public or nonpublic information to identify or contact human research subjects or prospective subjects.

Objective
The University upholds the ethical rights of human subjects of the research project and gives effect to that right by the application of this Policy.

Policy
1. All research procedures and protocols must protect human subjects and respect the rights of individual participants, confidentiality of information about human subjects, cultural sensitivities in UAE society, and the reputation of the UAEU. This Policy is designed to ensure that human subjects are adequately protected during any research project conducted within or in connection with the UAEU. Procedures must be designed and implemented with due care to follow University Policies and applicable laws.

2. The RERB will review all research proposals that involve medical research using human subjects or other research involving medical testing of subjects to ensure that the rights and welfare of the subjects are adequately protected and matters of confidentiality are respected. Prospective subjects must also be protected from undue influence or coercion to participate. Appropriate approval processes for the selection of human subjects must be implemented. All activities must be in compliance with University Policies and Procedures.
Procedures of Policy No. (11) - Research Involving Human Subjects

All requests to use research involving subjects originating from principal investigators inside or outside the University Community must be submitted by the Principal Investigator (PI) to the HM-REC using the “Request for Ethics Research Review Form”.