

How and why ethical principles are changing

Worksheet 1 - ethics-related questions for researchers to consider

At the outset:

- Is your research question ethical?
- Could your research be misused by others whose agendas differ from your own?
- Are there any ethical difficulties you can foresee?

When designing research:

- What steps are you taking to minimise the impact of your biases and prejudices on your research?
- Where relevant: how are you implementing cultural competence or cultural humility?
- Where possible: how will you involve participants and other stakeholders in your research?
- How will you ensure your own wellbeing?

When setting research into context, whether through a literature review, document analysis, or other means:

- What sources does your search strategy exclude?
- What are the implications of this?
- What steps are you taking to find, and – if it exists – to use, evidence that contradicts your convictions?

When gathering data:

- How can you best take care of participants?
- How can you best take care of other stakeholders?
- How can you best take care of your data?

When analysing data:

- How can you ensure that you are getting the most out of your data?
- How can you ensure that your analysis is as accurate as possible?
- How can you ensure that you represent participants fairly in your analytic work?

When reporting your research:

- Who are you reporting to?
- How can you best meet their needs?
- Are you reporting in different ways for different audiences?

When presenting your findings:

- Who are you presenting to?
- How can you best meet their needs?
- What can you do to make your presentation more engaging and memorable?

When disseminating your research:

- Who are you disseminating to?
- How can you best meet their needs?
- Are you disseminating in different ways for different audiences?

Full resource: <https://www.ncrm.ac.uk/resources/online/all/?id=20809>

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