

REC: Social, Behavioural and Education Research (REC: SBE)

MEETING DATES: 2023

NOTE: Please consult your Faculty or Department Ethics Screening Committee coordinator for internal submission and review dates to prepare your submission for a REC meeting.

REC AGENDA CLOSING DATE	REC REVIEW MEETING
5 January	26 January
26 January	16 February
23 February	16 March
30 March	20 April
26 April	18 May
25 May	15 June
29 June	27 July
3 August	24 August
7 September	28 September
5 October	26 October
2 November (final submissions from DESC)	23 November (final REC meeting)

GUIDELINES FOR FESCs/DESCs:

1) Research Ethics applications may require initial review by a Faculty or Department Ethics Screening Committee (FESC/DESC) before it is submitted to the REC. DESC review timeframes may vary. It is the researcher's responsibility to contact their relevant DESC/FESC for information about department specific deadlines and review turnaround times: [DESC process and DESC contact details](#).

2) Medium and High-risk applications must be submitted to the REC office by the DESC agenda closing date. Late submissions will stand over to the next scheduled meeting.

3) Please allow enough time for the DESC or REC review process. Researchers may not commence with recruitment and data collection until ethics clearance is confirmed by a DESC (for low-risk projects) or the REC (for medium or high-risk projects). The REC (and by extension the DESC) cannot grant ethics clearance retrospectively.

4) For enquiries and advice about the REC process and the REC review cycle, please contact Mr Aden Williams at: aden@sun.ac.za / 021 808 9185