ACAP’s Human Research Ethics Committee attains National Health and Medical Research Council registration approval

ACAP has welcomed news from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of 25 October approving the registration of the College’s Human Research Ethics Committee (ACAP HREC) with the Council.

ACAP’s Human Research Ethics Committee reviews the research proposals of College staff and students involving human participants to ensure the proposed research is ethically acceptable and in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines.

While there are currently more than 200 HRECs in institutions and organisations across Australia registered with the NHMRC, ACAP is one of only a handful of non self-accrediting higher education providers who, like Australian universities, have their Human Research Ethics Committee registered with the NHMRC.

To attain NHMRC HREC registration approval institutions or organisations must demonstrate to the NHMRC that their HREC meets the relevant Australian Standards, including those articulated in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) (the National Statement).

The NHMRC is Australia’s leading expert body and funding agency promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards.

ACAP staff and student researchers seeking to participate in NHMRC funding schemes, which range from scholarships to research programs, can do so through collaboration with a NHMRC Administering Institution. ACAP staff and student researchers, and the ACAP HREC committee are also eligible to nominate or be nominated for the NHMRC Ethics Award. Further details on these opportunities are provided on the NHMRC website at the following urls:


Other suggested reading – “10 of the Best Research Projects 2010” a NHMRC publication.


1 ACAP’s is not a NHMRC Administering Institution.

The NHMRC has allocated ACAP’s HREC with following identification numbers

HREC: EC00447
Organisation: ORG0576