Is your project educational research?

- **Non-educational research**
  - **Course Audit or Evaluation**
    - Audit / evaluation for course development does **NOT** require ethical approval.
    - However, if it is intended to publish the work or to use the evaluative component in a broader scholarly investigation, then ethical review is advised.

- **Non-education research** should be submitted to the appropriate ethics committee; clinical research to IRAS/NRES, animal research via the appropriate Home Office licence and AWERB, other research to ICREC.

  Any non-education studies specifically recruiting Imperial College Medical students will **ALSO** need MEEC approval.

Does your project involve patients, human tissue or identifiable patient data?

- **NO**
- **YES**

  If the proposed research involves NHS or private patients included wholly or in part because of the health status &/or non-anonymised patient data &/or human tissue (including blood) not from a tissue bank, IRAS/NRES ethical approval is generally needed.

Does your project involve NHS staff or premises?

- **NO**
- **YES**

  If the proposed research involves NHS staff or premises but **NOT** patients, their data or tissues, it generally does not need IRAS/NRES ethical approval. However, you will need to get NHS management approval either via the ‘brief’ IRAS form or at each site involved - you should contact the sites for their local procedures.

Will you recruit Imperial College Medical students as research subjects?

- **NO**
- **YES**

  If the proposed research involves Imperial College Medical students, MEEC ethical approval is needed.

Does your project focus on problematic or sensitive issues?

- **NO**
- **YES**

  If the proposed research focuses on sensitive issues such as plagiarism, and improper practice by themselves or others, or emotionally sensitive topics such as homesickness or academic failure, full MEEC approval is needed.

  The proposed research is ‘low risk’ educational research. The Imperial College EERP process is appropriate.