

Lay Member of the Central University Research Ethics Committee

The University of Liverpool is seeking individuals interested in joining one of the Central University Research Ethics Committees in a voluntary capacity as a Lay Member.

We are looking for people interested in research to offer their expertise and enthusiasm to help ensure our research practices meet recognised best practice and ethical standards.

The role:

The Central University Research Ethics Committees meet to consider all University research projects involving more than minimal risk that include human participants, human material or personal data.

The Central University Research Ethics Committees meet six times per year and comprise both academic and Lay Members. Committee members are responsible for ensuring that University research projects are carried out in accordance with the ethical principles set by the University ethics policy and other relevant ethical guidelines

Lay Members fulfil an important committee role and have the task of providing the public perspective in the research ethics review process.

Who are we looking for?

Lay Members are drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds. We are interested in any applicants with an interest in using their experiences to contribute to the ethical review of University research projects.

Individuals will have the ability to make balanced judgments and will contribute to the review of research applications. Induction and appropriate training for the role will be

provided; however Lay Members should have a reasonable level of IT proficiency as the role will involve using a number of the University's digital platforms.

Applicants should be independent of the University, and have had no affiliation with the University during the previous three years.

Why should you apply?

The University of Liverpool is a member of the Russell Group of leading UK research universities with a strong reputation for the advancement of learning and ennoblement of life.

You will have the opportunity to provide your perspective and knowledge in order to help the committees consider the ethical aspects of research proposals. Through this role you will:

- have the opportunity to bring a wide range of skills to help contribute the review of applications requesting research ethics approval;
- play an important role in the development of the University's framework for research ethics;
- play a part in ensuring that University research projects meet good ethical practice.

Informal enquiries about the role of Lay Member of a Central University Research Ethics Committee should be directed to Mr Matthew Billington, Senior Research Ethics & Integrity Officer (mjbill2@liverpool.ac.uk / 0151 794 8290). Formal expressions of interest should be sent to the Research Ethics and Integrity team, ethics@liverpool.ac.uk, along with a CV and a brief personal statement.

We are hoping to gather expressions of interest by Friday 21st May 2021