

Research Ethics

Human Science Lab confirms to the highest standard of ethics in conducting research. HSL maintains an in-house Charter of Conducts and Research Protocol that is strictly adhered to by all its researchers.

1. Respect for autonomy and dignity of persons

Human Science Lab accords supreme value to the dignity and autonomy of all persons. HSL gives due care to protect and promote the rights to privacy, self-determination, personal liberty and natural justice of all human subjects in course of research activities. HSL develop and follow procedures for valid consent, confidentiality, anonymity, fair treatment and due process that are consistent with those rights.

Our researchers respect the privacy of individuals, and ensure that individuals are not personally identifiable, except in exceptional circumstances and then only with clear, unambiguous informed consent. They respect confidentiality, and ensure that information or data collected about individuals are appropriately anonymised and cannot be traced back to them by other parties, even if the participants themselves are not troubled by a potential loss of confidentiality. Where a participant wishes to have their voice heard and their identity linked with this, researchers will endeavour to respect such a wish.

2. Scientific Value

Researchers at HSL are committed to ensuring that the scientific and scholarly standards of their research are accountable and of sufficiently high quality and robustness. Quality relates primarily to the scientific design of the research and the consideration of potential risks of harm and protocols for addressing such difficulties (should they arise). It is important that the aims of the research are as transparent as possible to ensure that it is clear what the research intends to achieve.

3. Consent

Researchers at Human Science Lab ensures that every person from whom data are gathered for the purposes of research consents freely to the process on the basis of adequate information, ensuring that they are able, during the data gathering phase, free to withdraw or modify their consent and to ask for the destruction of all or part of the data that they have contributed.

4. Protection of Research Participants

All due diligence are maintained in course of research to avoid any harm to research participants. Where risks arise as an unavoidable and integral element of the research, robust risk assessment and management protocols are developed and complied with.

For reporting any breach in ethics or making a suggestion contact HSL at –
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