Ethical Approval for Research Conducted by Joint PhD Students

**Joint PhD Programmes with Imperial College London (ICL) and King’s College London (KCL)**

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Remarks:
1. ICL: Imperial College London; KCL: King’s College London
2. Ethical approval mentioned above includes research involving human participants and living animals.
3. Students are required to keep the supervisor at home university informed of ethical approval given by the partner university (if any), e.g. by providing a copy of the approval letter issued by the partner university.
4. Students should consult their supervisors at the home and partner universities should they have queries about the ethical approval procedures.

**Joint Educational Placement for PhD with the University of Toronto (U of T)**

A candidate has to observe the ethical approval requirements of both the home and partner universities for research involving human participants and living animals. Ethical approval should be completed prior to the commencement of a research project which requires it. The candidate should consult his/her supervisors at the home and partner universities for queries about the ethical approval procedures. The candidate should also keep the supervisor at home university informed of ethical approval given by the partner university (if any), e.g. by providing a copy of the approval letter issued by the partner university.

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