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Receipt= Fast-Track Ethical Approval

Student name: Anjun Thapa

Student number: NPIC00142

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APU FAST-TRACK ETHICAL APPROVAL FORM (STUDENTS)

Tick one box: ☐ TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE project ☐ UNDERGRADUATE project
☐ TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE MODULE assignment
☐ TAUGHT UNDERGRADUATE MODULE assignment

Title of Specialism on which enrolled ... B.Sc. (Hons.) Information Technology

Tick one box: Full-Time Study ☐ or Part-Time Study ☐

Title of project ... Elderly Care and Mindful Support Hub

Name of student researcher ... Anjun Thapa

Name of supervisor/ ... Tara Prasad Gurung

Student Researchers- please note that certain professional organizations have ethical guidelines that you may need to consult when completing this form.

Supervisors/Module Tutors - please seek guidance from the Chair of the APU Research Ethics Committee if you are uncertain about any ethical issue arising from this application.

		YES	NO	N/A
1	Will you describe the main procedures to participants in advance, so that they are informed about what to expect?	✓		
2	Will you tell participants that their participation is voluntary?	✓		
3	Will you obtain written consent for participation?	✓		
4	If the research is observational, will you ask participants for their consent to being observed?	✓		
5	Will you tell participants that they may withdraw from the research at any time and for any reason?	✓		
6	With questionnaires and interviews will you give participants the option of omitting questions they do not want to answer?	✓		
7	Will you tell participants that their data will be treated with full confidentiality and that, if published, it will not be identifiable as theirs?	✓		
8	Will you give participants the opportunity to be debriefed i.e. to find out more about the study and its results?	✓		

If you have ticked **No** to any of Q1-8 you should complete the full Ethics Approval Form.

		YES	NO	N/A
9	Will your project deliberately mislead participants in any way?		✓	
10	Is there any realistic risk of any participants experiencing either physical or psychological distress or discomfort?		✓	
11	Is the nature of the research such that contentious or sensitive issues might be involved?		✓	

If you have ticked **Yes** to 9, 10 or 11 you should complete the full Ethics Approval Form. In relation to question 10 this should include details of what you will tell participants to do if they should experience any problems (e.g. who they can contact for help). You may also need to consider risk assessment issues.

The completed form (and any attachments) should be submitted for consideration by your Supervisor/Module Tutor

**SUPERVISOR/MODULE TUTOR
PLEASE CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:**


Please Tick Box

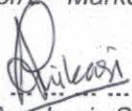
I consider that this project has no significant ethical implications requiring a full ethics submission to the APU Research Ethics Committee	
i) I have checked and approved the key documents required for this proposal (e.g. consent form, information sheet, questionnaire, interview schedule)	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
Or	
ii) I have checked and approved draft documents required for this proposal which provide a basis for the preliminary investigations which will inform the main research study. I have informed the student researcher that finalised and additional documents (e.g. consent form, information sheet, questionnaire, interview schedule) must be submitted for approval by me before they are used for primary data collection.	

SUPERVISOR AND SECOND ACADEMIC SIGNATORY

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL APPROVAL (please delete as appropriate)

- 1) THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED USING AGREED APIIT/SU PROCEDURES AND IS NOW APPROVED
- 2) THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AS INVOLVING NO SIGNIFICANT ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS, BUT FINAL APPROVAL FOR DATA COLLECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE SUBMISSION OF KEY DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL BY SUPERVISOR (see Appendix A)

Signed.......... Print Name Tara Prasad Guring Date 2024-12-29
(Supervisor/2nd Marker)

Signed.......... Print Name Anup Adhikari Date 2024-12-29
(Second Academic Signatory)

		YES	NO	N/A
12	Does your project involve work with animals?		✓	
13	Do participants fall into any of the following special groups? Note that you may also need to obtain satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau clearance (or equivalent)	✓	Children (under 18 years of age)	✓
	People with communication or learning difficulties		✓	
	Patients			
	People in custody		✓	
	People who could be regarded as vulnerable		✓	
	People engaged in illegal activities (eg drug taking)		✓	
14	Does the project involve external funding or external collaboration where the funding body or external collaborative partner requires the University to provide evidence that the project had been subject to ethical scrutiny?		✓	

If you have ticked **Yes** to 12, 13 or 14 you should complete the full Ethics Approval Form. There is an obligation on student and supervisor to bring to the attention of the APU Research Ethics Committee any issues with ethical implications not clearly covered by the above checklist.

STUDENT RESEARCHER

Provide in the boxes below (plus any other appended details) information required in support of your application. **THEN SIGN THE FORM.**

Please Tick Boxes

I consider that this project has no significant ethical implications requiring a full ethics submission to the APU Research Ethics Committee.	
Give a brief description of participants and procedure (methods, tests used etc) in up to 150 words. The project focuses on two primary participant groups: elderly individuals requiring mental health and caregivers seeking employment opportunities. Seniors, especially those in rural or underserved areas, form a key demographic due to their increased vulnerability to mental health issues and limited access to care. The methodology involves designing and developing a digital platform using Django framework, known for its robust functionality and accessibility. The platform also incorporates a job portal for caregivers with advanced search and match features. Security measures such as data encryption and compliance with regulations are implemented to ensure user trust and privacy.	
I also confirm that: ii) All key documents e.g. consent form, information sheet, questionnaire/interview are appended to this application.	
Or ii) Any key documents e.g. consent form, information sheet, questionnaire/interview schedules which need to be finalised following initial investigations will be submitted for approval by the project supervisor/module leader before they are used in primary data collection.	

Signed... *[Signature]* Print Name... Arjun Thapa Date... 20/12-29
(Student Researcher)

Please note that any variation to that contained within this document that in any way affects ethical issues of the stated research requires the appending of new ethical details. New ethical consent may need to be sought.

Office Record	Receipt= Appendix A (Fast-Track Ethics Form)
Date Received:	Student name: Arjun Thapa
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APPENDIX A AUTHORISATION FOR USE OF KEY DOCUMENTS

Completion of Appendix A is required when for good reasons key documents are not available when a fast track application is approved by the supervisor/module leader and second academic signatory.

I have now checked and approved all the key documents associated with this proposal e.g. consent form, information sheet, questionnaire, interview schedule

Title of project Elderly Care and Mindful Support Hub

Name of student researcher Arjun Thapa

Student ID: NPI000142 Intake: NPI3F2408IT

Signed [Signature] : Print Name Tara Prasad Gurung Date 2024-12-29
(Supervisor/2nd Marker)