

UNISA PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE _ RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (PRC REC)

Date:26 November 2024

Dear Dr AWR Fynn

Decision: Approved Certificate

from 26 November 2024- 25

November 2025 (1 year)

Expiry date- 25 February 2025

NHREC Registration #: (if

applicable)

PRC_REW Reference # : 2022_PRC_REC_020_Ex

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Working title of research:

Food and Housing insecurity among staff and students in ODeL

Qualification: Non-degree purposes

Thank you for the application for research ethics clearance by the UNISA Professional Research Committee _ Research Ethics Committee (PRC_REC) for the above-mentioned research.

The medium risk application was reviewed and expedited by the Unisa PRC_REC on 26 November 2024 in compliance with the UNISA Policy on Research Ethics and the UNISA Standard Operating Procedure on Research Ethics Risk Assessment.

The proposed research may now commence with the provisions that:



- 1. The researchers will ensure that the research project adheres to the values and principles expressed in the UNISA Policy on Research Ethics.
- Any adverse circumstance arising in the undertaking of the research project that is relevant to the ethicality of the study should be communicated in writing to the Unisa PRC_REW.
- 3. The researchers will conduct the study according to the methods and procedures set out in the approved application.
- 4. Any changes that can affect the study-related risks for the research participants, particularly in terms of assurances made with regards to the protection of participants' privacy and the confidentiality of the data, should be reported to the PRC_REW in writing, accompanied by a progress report.
- 5. The researchers will ensure that the research project adheres to any applicable national legislation, professional codes of conduct, institutional guidelines and scientific standards relevant to the specific field of study. Adherence to the following South African legislation is important, if applicable: Protection of Personal Information Act, no 4 of 2013; Children's act no 38 of 2005 and the National Health Act, no 61 of 2003.
- No field work activities may continue after the expiry date 25 November
 2025. Submission of a completed research ethics progress report will constitute an application for renewal of Ethics Research Committee approval.

Please note: It is your responsibility to ensure that the proposed research adheres to the values and principles expressed in the UNISA Research Ethics Policy.

The reference number 2022_PRC_REC_020_Ex should be clearly indicated on all forms of communication with the intended research participants, as well as with the Committee. Yours sincerely,



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