



### NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL ETHICS APPROVAL BY DESC/FESC

REC: Social, Behavioural and Education Research (SBER) - Initial Application Form

Date: 27/05/2026

Project ID: 36075

Project title: MEM - Robotic Process Automation in Research Ethics Administration: Preserving Human Moral Agency while Optimising Workflow Efficiency

Dear Mrs A Van Niekerk

Please note that your research ethics application has been reviewed by the Department/Faculty Ethics Screening Committee (DESC/FESC) - Faculty of Engineering and has been classified as a **low-risk** project.

This means that you have **provisional** ethics approval to start with recruitment and data collection activities, provided you've received the **necessary permission(s)** from any other participating gatekeeper(s)/organisation(s)/institution(s) (where it may apply).

**Next steps regarding your application:**

Your application will now be sent to the Social, Behavioural and Education Research Ethics Committee (REC: SBE) at Stellenbosch University for ratification.

The REC: SBE has the prerogative to add stipulations or request modifications before final approval is granted.

The REC: SBE will send you a letter confirming final ethics approval within 40 days. If you have not received a final letter confirming ethics clearance after 40 days, please follow up with the REC: SBE office at [applyethics@sun.ac.za](mailto:applyethics@sun.ac.za).

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