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Prof S Farrington
Faculty: Business and Economic Sciences

Dear Prof Farrington

IMPLEMENTING A STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT ASSESSMENT TOOL AT NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

PRP: Prof S Farrington
PI: Mr R Ismail

The annual progress report (APR) for the above-entitled protocol served at the Research Ethics Committee (Human) for approval. We take pleasure in informing you that REC-H has approved the report. Please note the following as you continue your study to its completion:

1. In the event of a requirement to extend the period of data collection, completion of an extension request is required (form RECH-005 available on Research Ethics Committee (Human) portal) and should be submitted 4-6 weeks prior to approval lapsing. In the event that an extension request is submitted after the ethics approval lapsing, a new application must be submitted via the relevant channels.
2. In the event of any changes made to the study (excluding extension of the study), RECH will have to approve such amendments and completion of an amendments form is required PRIOR to implementation (form RECH-006 available on Research Ethics Committee (Human) portal).
3. Immediate submission (and possible discontinuation of the study in the case of serious events) of an Adverse Event Report to RECH (form RECH-007 available on Research Ethics Committee (Human) portal) in the event of any unanticipated problems, serious incidents or adverse events observed during the course of the study.
4. Immediate submission of a Study Termination Report to RECH (form RECH-008 available on Research Ethics Committee (Human) portal) upon expected or unexpected closure/termination of study.
5. Immediate submission of a Study Exception Report to RECH in the event of any study deviations, violations and/or exceptions.
6. Acknowledgement that the study could be subjected to passive and/or active monitoring without prior notice at the discretion of Research Ethics Committee (Human).

Please inform the REC-H, via your faculty representative, if any changes (particularly in the methodology) occur during this time (forms as above). An annual affirmation to the effect that the protocols in use are still those for which approval was granted, will be required from you.

Please quote the ethics clearance reference number in all correspondence and enquiries related to the study. For speedy processing of email queries (to be directed to Simangele.Shezi@mandela.ac.za), it is recommended that the ethics clearance reference number together with an indication of the query appear in the subject line of the email.

We wish you well with the continuation of your study.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gradidge', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Dr D Gradidge
Chairperson: Research Ethics Committee (Human)

Cc: The Office of Research Development
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