



To whom it may concern

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Dear Ethics Applicants and Researchers,

Message from University Office of Research Integrity and Ethics during the Coronavirus Pandemic 2020

Please be reassured that the ethics committees will continue to function during the COVID lock down over the next few weeks. All ethics applications and reviewing of such applications will be submitted and reviewed online and electronically. **A hard copy is still required to be submitted to the appropriate Ethics Office as soon as the national lock down comes to an end, but hard copies do not need to be submitted during the lockdown.**

The University's Office of Research Integrity and Ethics priorities are for all to keep healthy, avoiding risky situations, but to keep life and South Africa's economy going as far as is possible.

For any queries, please contact the necessary administrator and / or Chair of the Research Ethics Committees.

In closing I would like to wish you well with your stay in lock-down: it is said that Isaac Newton invented the calculus during a period when Cambridge University closed because of the plague – but no pressure.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Drennan', with a horizontal line underneath.



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