

## REC: Social, Behavioural and Education Research (REC: SBE)

### MEETING DATES: 2022

**NOTE: Applicants must consult their FESC-DESC coordinator for internal submission and review dates to prepare their submission for a REC meeting.**

REC AGENDA CLOSING DATE	REC REVIEW MEETING
6 January	27 January
27 January	17 February
24 February	17 March
31 March	21 April
28 April	19 May
26 May	15 June
30 June	21 July
4 August	25 August
1 September	22 September
29 September	20 October
<b>27 October (final submissions from DESC)</b>	<b>17 November (final REC meeting)</b>

### GUIDELINES FOR FESCs/DESCs:

1) Research Ethics applications may require initial review by a Faculty or Department Ethics Screening Committee (FESC/DESC) before it is submitted to the REC. DESC review timeframes may vary. It is the researcher's responsibility to contact their relevant DESC/FESC for information about department specific deadlines and review turnaround times: [DESC process and DESC contact details](#).

2) Medium and High-risk applications must be submitted to the REC office by the DESC agenda closing date. Late submissions will stand over to the next scheduled meeting.

3) Please allow enough time for the DESC or REC review process. Researchers may not commence with recruitment and data collection until ethics clearance is confirmed by a DESC (for low risk projects) or the REC (for medium or high-risk projects). The REC (and by extension the DESC) cannot grant ethics clearance retrospectively.

4) For enquiries and advice about the REC process and the REC review cycle, please contact the REC office at: [applyethics@sun.ac.za](mailto:applyethics@sun.ac.za) / 021 808 9185