
Ethical assessment

STAGE 1 – Prior ethical screening

Before the recruitment at the Research centre, each INPhINIT fellow, in collaboration with his/her supervisor, will have to provide to "la Caixa" Fellowships Department the following documentation, among other:

- **Checklist template on the ethical issues** duly filled in and signed by the fellow and the supervisor;
- **Career development plan** according to the template provided, containing the project abstract.

The fellow will have to answer each of the questions included in the checklist which are related to the ethical aspect that needs to be monitored, in line with the regulation of the European Commission on this matter. In case any relevant ethics issue is identified in the Checklist, the fellow's project will automatically pass to the next stage of the Ethical assessment.

As soon as the abovementioned documentation is received, "la Caixa" staff will forward it to the Ethical Committee in Research of the Universidad de Oviedo (UO) that will carry out a first screening of the Checklists to verify that they are filled in correctly.

In case the Committee identifies errors in the completion of the form, the corresponding project will pass on to the next stage of the Ethical assessment. For the rest of the projects, that have not raised any ethical issue, the assessment procedure will end at this stage.

STAGE 2 – Ethical assessment of the project

In this stage, the UO will review the projects that have either not been filled in correctly or that present ethic issues that must be monitored.

The UO will contact the fellows to request more details of the projects, or specific documentation needed to verify the correct review and follow up of the ethical issues that have been identified.

The assessment will follow the time schedule below:

1. 1st of April – 29th of April

The UO will study the provided documentation and, rule in one of the following ways:

- Positive assessment, meaning that the documentation is complete and correct. In this case the assessment will end at this stage.
- Incomplete, meaning that the documentation is incomplete and/or incorrect. In this case the project will pass to the next round and the fellow will have to rectify the documentation or provide the missing one.

2. 1st of June – 30th of June

The UO will study the new provided documentation and finally rule positively.

During all the process the UO will give support to the fellows answering to any query or doubt through its email contact: alvarezjulia@uniovi.es

This ethical assessment procedure is independent from the internal ethics protocols implemented by each Research centre. These protocols will have to be strictly followed by the hosted fellows during the whole duration of the fellowship.

At the same time, "la Caixa" Fellowships Programme will monitor any ethical issue that may arise through the progress reports the fellows will have to submit periodically.