



Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Research Ethics and Safety Unit

Call to collaborate as an author in a book on experiences related to ethical and safety safeguarding in university research

In 2012, as of the promulgation of the regulations associated with that of Law 20.120 on research with human beings, Chilean universities had to design and implement systems for the management of ethical and safety evaluation of research projects carried out by its academics. This regulation represented a challenge in terms of university policies and management, but above all an important cultural change in the way of generating state-of-the-art knowledge within the higher education system.

The Research Ethics and Safety Unit of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile* was created for this purpose in 2014 and in its 6 years of existence it has developed policies and initiatives that have contributed to improving the management of the ethical evaluation of research projects, it has provided management support to the ethics and safety committees, has disseminated its importance within the university community and has contributed to training new researchers in this area. However, the UC experience is not unique and there are other initiatives in the university system that may be of interest for study. For this reason, the UC Research Ethics and Safety Unit invites university academics and professionals to send texts to be part of a book that compiles reflections, guidance and learning associated with ethical and safety safeguarding in the research projects carried out in the university context. The book will be published by *Ediciones UC* and will have an editorial committee that will ensure the relevance and quality of the texts published in this volume.

1. Purpose of the call

1.1. Receive unpublished texts prepared by university academics and professionals presenting a reflection, collecting experiences and/or guiding the implementation of internal regulations related to ethical and safety safeguarding in research projects carried out in the university context, to be included in a book to be published in late 2021.

2. Who can participate

2.1. Academics who have been or are part of ethical-scientific committees in Chilean or foreign universities, academics who have knowledge about ethical and safety evaluation matters in a university context, and professionals from Chilean or foreign higher education institutions who have or are currently performing in management positions linked to the work of said committees may send texts.

2.2. In the case of those authors who are not currently working on committees or in management positions, they must present a document issued by the corresponding authority that accredits their past functions.

3. Regarding the texts

3.1. Unpublished texts must be focused on one of the following topics:

- University management in matters of scientific integrity, ethics and research safety.
- Foundations, orientations and learning associated with the ethics of research with human beings in the area of clinical research and in health.
- Foundations, orientations and learning associated with the ethics of research with human beings in the area of research in social sciences, arts and humanities.
- Foundations, orientations and learning associated with the ethics of research with experimental animals and/or the environment.
- Foundations, orientations and learning associated with biosafety and research safety.

3.2. Manuscripts must have a minimum length of 6000 and a maximum of 8000 characters (with spaces), including the bibliography.

3.3. References must be presented at the end of the text in a special section and in APA format.

3.4. Manuscripts should not include identification of the authors. This information should be included on a separate sheet and contain the following data: 1) full name of the author/s; 2) institutional affiliation; 3) postal addresses, email and telephone number; 4) mention or thanks to people or institutions, if they are included.

3.5. The texts must be presented in a word file with the following characteristics: letter-size document, Arial font size 12 points, text justified to the right and left, with 1.15 line spacing, 3-centimeter margins above and below, and 2, 5 on both sides.

3.5. Manuscripts may include tables, graphs and / or images, as long as they do not exceed 10 in total. They should be inserted in the text in the approximate location in which it is requested to be included and be sent in separate files together with the manuscript in jpg format.

3.6. Texts that do not comply with the indications established in the preceding points will not be considered for this publication.

4. Selection of texts

4.1. The texts will be reviewed in a first instance by the editors and compilers of the book, Alejandra Santana, head of the UC Ethics and Safety Unit; and Luca Valera, director of the UC Bioethics Center.

4.2. Next, the manuscripts will be reviewed and approved by an editorial committee specially formed for this publication, which will be made up of prominent academics and researchers linked to the topics mentioned in point 3.1. of the present call.

4.3. The members of the editorial committee may approve, reject, or approve with modifications the manuscripts. In the latter case, if the author/s of the text do not make the changes indicated within the stipulated deadlines, the manuscript will be rejected for publication in this volume.

4.4. The decision of the editorial committee regarding the manuscripts will be final.

5. Important dates

- 5.1. Call publication: March 8, 2021
- 5.2. Deadline for receipt of manuscripts: April 15 to June 15, 2021.
- 5.3. Review by editors/compilers: April 15 to July 15, 2021.
- 5.4. Review by the editorial committee: July 15 to September 15, 2021.
- 5.5. Period of modifications and corrections to the texts: July 15 to October 15, 2021.
- 5.6. Communication on the publication of the texts: October 30, 2021.

6. Other considerations

- 6.1. The authors, by the mere fact of responding to this call, accept the indications established therein. In addition, they authorize the publication, edition, reproduction, adaptation, distribution and sale of copies of the book in physical and/or digital format.
- 6.2. If there are doubts and questions about this call, it is requested to write to the email asantana@uc.cl
- 6.3. Manuscripts and attached files should be sent to the mail asantana@uc.cl no later than June 15 at 23:59 p.m.