Preparing a Business Plan - Part IV:

Research Ethics Application

Full details are available at https://www.scss.tcd.ie/Local/research_unit/ethics/

This week you will start to prepare a Research Ethics Application for your primary research by writing a Research Proposal.

First Plan -

1. Write down all your idea(s)
2. Discuss with colleagues
3. State the purpose and type of the study (what research question do you want to answer/explore and how are you going to do that?)
4. Project outline:
   1. Title
   2. Questions to be investigated
   3. Possible methods of investigation
   4. Literature to be consulted
5. Timing – Gantt chart?

Then write your Proposal using the following headings –

- Title of project
- Purpose of project including academic rationale
- Brief description of methods and measurements to be used
- Participants - recruitment methods, number, age, gender, exclusion/inclusion criteria, including statistical justification for numbers of participants
- Debriefing arrangements
- A clear concise statement of the ethical considerations raised by the project and how you intend to deal with them
- Cite any relevant legislation relevant to the project with the method of compliance e.g. Data Protection Act etc.