

Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee (CHREC)

Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee (CHREC) is the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Covenant University for ethical and scientific standards in research. It is duly registered with ¹the National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC) in the Federal Ministry of Health (Reg. No. NHREC/25/10/2020) and ²the United States Department of Health and Human Services (IORG #: IORG0010037); both registration is valid till 2022. The Committee has a 2–year tenure.

MEMBERSHIP

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Designation</i>
1.	Prof. Grace Olasehinde	Microbiology	Chair
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13.	Dr. Gershon Obinda	Economics	√
14.	Dr. Eghosa Ekhaese	Architecture	√
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16.	Dr. Omolola Omotosho	Biochemistry	√
17.	Dr. Titilola Dokunmu	Biochemistry	√
18.	Dr. Joseph Adekoya	Industrial Chemistry	√
19.	Dr. Jacob Popoola	Biology	√
20.	Dr. Opeyemi Ayanda	Biology	√
21.	Dr. Franklyn Iheagwam	Biochemistry	√
22.	Prof. Shalom Chinedu	Ex-Officio	√
23.	Dr. Tayo George	Ex-Officio	√
24.	Mrs. Olufunke Oluyemi	Desk Officer, CHREC	√

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The mandate of Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee (CHREC) is to promote and sustain the highest level of ethical and scientific standards in research in the University. The Committee's terms of reference are as follows:

1. To organize periodic training on ethical issues in research, as prescribed in the national code, for faculty and staff who may serve as Committee members and/or reviewers of research protocols;
2. To register CHREC with relevant accrediting bodies, and ensure timely re-registration during the life of current registration, to avoid being de-registered;
3. To promote continuous training, skill acquisition and certification on bioethics for members, reviewers and applicants of ethical review of research protocols;
4. To sensitize and guide researchers in the university and those from the external context on matters relating to ethical and scientific standards in research;
5. To determine whether a research protocol qualify for ethical review or exemption from ethical review; and grant exemption from review based on any of the conditions enumerated in the national code;
6. To carry out ethical reviews of research protocols of faculty, staff and students of Covenant University, independent researchers, and those from the external context, and to expedite review of research in exceptional circumstances as stipulated in the ethics code.
7. To have authority to approve, modify (to secure approval) or disapprove research protocols as appropriate; and thereby provide ethical approval and clearance for researchers to carry out studies involving human, animal subjects or products intended for human use;
8. To monitor the implementation of approved research protocols for compliance with ethical and scientific standards as contained in the institutional, national and international codes for researchers so as to protect the dignity, rights, safety, wellbeing and advancement of all human research participants, particularly the vulnerable participants, animals and the environment.
9. To exercise continuing oversight of approved research at intervals adjudged appropriate to the degree of risk involved in participating in the research.
10. To suspend research that is not being conducted in accordance with ethical requirements or with existing legislation or with existing institutional guidelines; or where research is associated with unexpected serious harm to participants.
11. To be responsible, in the conduct of multi-institutional research, for safeguarding the rights and welfare of human participants in Covenant University and for compliance with the ethics code.
12. To carry out any other assignment towards the promotion of research ethics and scientific standards in the University as may be directed by the University Management.