



ARAFEMI

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS SEEKING RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

ARAFEMI at all times, seeks to maintain the highest ethical standards and practices of research. ARAFEMI receives frequent requests from students and organizations to assist with research. ARAFEMI encourages and supports research which progresses the principles of psycho - social rehabilitation and recovery for both people with a mental illness and those that care for them.

ARAFEMI has formulated its own Code of Good Research Practice, on the basis of NH&MRC Guidelines, with the intention of promoting good research practice, encouraging integrity in research, and providing workable guidelines for both internal research and / or individuals and organizations seeking support from ARAFEMI:

1. ARAFEMI under no circumstances offers access to client's lists and data-bases.
2. ARAFEMI does not offer direct contact via its groups and forums, it retains the rights of the group members and individuals to choose guest speakers or to participate in broader research activities. This must be at the groups / forums request not the opinion / or best interest of the trainer or convenor.
3. All applications will be reviewed by the ARAFEMI Research Policy Committee and assessed against the ARAFEMI Code of Good Research Practice.
4. Any external applicant seeking access to ARAFEMI clients, members and stakeholders must meet the following criteria:
 - Applicants must be completing Post Graduate Studies in a relevant field Masters and above.
 - Research must be consistent with the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery and not present conflict of interest with ARAFEMI organisational goals of client / member / stakeholder needs.
 - Ethics approval must be gained via the institution or organization of study.
 - Research supervisor, institution of study / organisational / department authority; and course level must be provided.
 - Brief outline of Purpose of Research and Usage of Results.
 - Evidence is required of the capacity of the researcher or his/her supervisor to provide debriefing to anyone participating in the research study requesting or requiring debriefing.
 - Applicants are invited to submit a 250 word (1/4 page) abstract / request for participation for usage on the website, ARAFEMI news (subject to editorial space) and internal based information sharing tools. Applicants may also provide flyers or promotional materials for placement in ARAFEMI public information sharing areas and for mail out to group convenors / forum leaders for placement on information tables. No direct distribution to members or stakeholders other than via newsletter is permitted.
 - No endorsement or favoritism will be shown in either selection or advertising processes.
 - Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide follow up results or information on outcomes to ARAFEMI clients / members and stakeholders

Forward Applications to: information@arafemi.org.au. Please include in subject line: attention research committee