

## Participate eligibility policy

All study submissions to the Participate website must comply with the eligibility criteria set out below. Compliance will be assessed by a member of the MQ Research Team upon study submission, with reference to the CEO and MQ Science Council as necessary. The decision of the MQ Research Committee is final. Researchers who are submitting a study may be required to supply further information relevant to the eligibility criteria. Failure to do so may result in a study being deemed ineligible.

### For a study to be eligible it must:

- Be relevant to a mental health issue(s).
- Have documented ethical approval from a UK Health Research Authority registered committee or a university ethics committee.
- Be run by a UK based academic institution, NHS trust or have other Clinical Trial Authorisation (CTA) from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
- Be conducted by a researcher who is at PhD level or above or be conducted as part of a project with a named Principal Investigator.
- Be fully transparent about its funding source.
- Provide a registry number (clinical and drug trials only)
- Be reviewed by the MQ Science Council (Commercial and drug trials only)

### A study is not eligible if it:

- Does not disclose its funding source.
- Does not have ethical approval from an HRA-registered committee or university ethics committee.
- Is being run by a private individual.
- Is being run by an undergraduate or masters' student.