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RES2026, the annual training symposium organized by the Research Ethics Committee (REC), has successfully brought together the UiTM research community to strengthen understanding of ethical research practices, compliance requirements, and review processes that safeguard human rights and participant well-being.

This year's symposium featured insightful discussions on the roles and responsibilities of administrative and academic staff within the research ethics ecosystem, alongside a newly introduced session highlighting the importance of ethics approval in relation to grant acquisition and graduation requirements.

Through the strategic collaboration of 39 Ethics Review Committees (ERCs), RES2026 expanded its reach nationwide via a seamless hybrid platform, engaging the wider UiTM research community, including ERC members, reviewers, secretariats, researchers, staff, and students across campuses and faculties. The symposium recorded an impressive impact with over 1,500 views on the JPI YouTube channel, 60 physical participants at Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah, and more than 500 additional participants joining from dedicated venues coordinated by PTJs and ERCs nationwide.

The opening montage featured inspiring messages from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin Sahib, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Ts. Dr. Norazah Abd Rahman, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing human well-being and upholding the highest standards of integrity in research.

The symposium was officially opened by Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr. Raymond Azman Ali, Chairperson of the Research Ethics Committee, followed by a series of engaging sessions covering research ethics wisdom, governance and training, graduation requirements, grant management, ethics application procedures, roles and responsibilities within the research community, and research risk categorization.

Beyond knowledge sharing, RES2026 served as a valuable platform for networking and collaboration between REC and ERCs, fostering discussions, innovation, and continuous improvement in ethical review practices.

Thank you to all speakers, committee members, ERC representatives, reviewers, secretariats, researchers, staff, and students who contributed to the success of RES2026. Together, we continue to strengthen a culture of ethical, responsible, and impactful research across UiTM.



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