

**Research Ethics for Neuroscientists and Cancer Biologists**  
**To be held online, 10-12 June 2026**  
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We all encounter moral and ethical issues in different areas of our lives. Many professions have formalized ethical rules and guidelines to help people work through the ethical difficulties and questions they may face. Among these are ethics for scientists engaged in research activities.

The aim of this *Blockkurs* is to provide you with some of the **conceptual tools** that we use to engage with the ethical problems presented by research, research translation, and implementation, in various life sciences today. This is a three-day course. At the end of it you will:

- understand some of the **key ethical issues** in life science and biomedical research today
- understand how and why **ethical codes and standards** have developed
- know about the **major ethical theories** used to analyse these issues
- know the key ethical problems in **research using animals and humans**
- be aware of some **emerging and challenging areas**, including the ethics of using artificial intelligence in research
- have had practice in applying basic ethical concepts to **case studies and examples**
- have discussed issues of **scientific integrity** and practical points about **applying for ethics approval**
- know where to find **further information**, and
- be able to apply your understanding to **new situations** in the future.

The course will focus on basic and clinical research in disciplines relevant to you, and will cover theoretical, practical and social issues. The teaching methods of the course normally combine lectures from me and small group exercises: you will be expected to attend all three days in person, and to participate actively in all discussions!

The language of the course is English.

This course is being delivered online. Real-time online engagement will run from approximately 10 am to 1 pm (Zurich time). **However, note you will be expected to work independently for a further 2-3 hours during each afternoon, so please keep that time available.** Further details, including Zoom links, will be sent to you nearer the start of the course.

**I am always happy to try to include specialist topics, if time allows. If you have a topic of particular interest that you would like to discuss during the course, please let me know by email before 3 June 2026, and I will do my best to include it.**