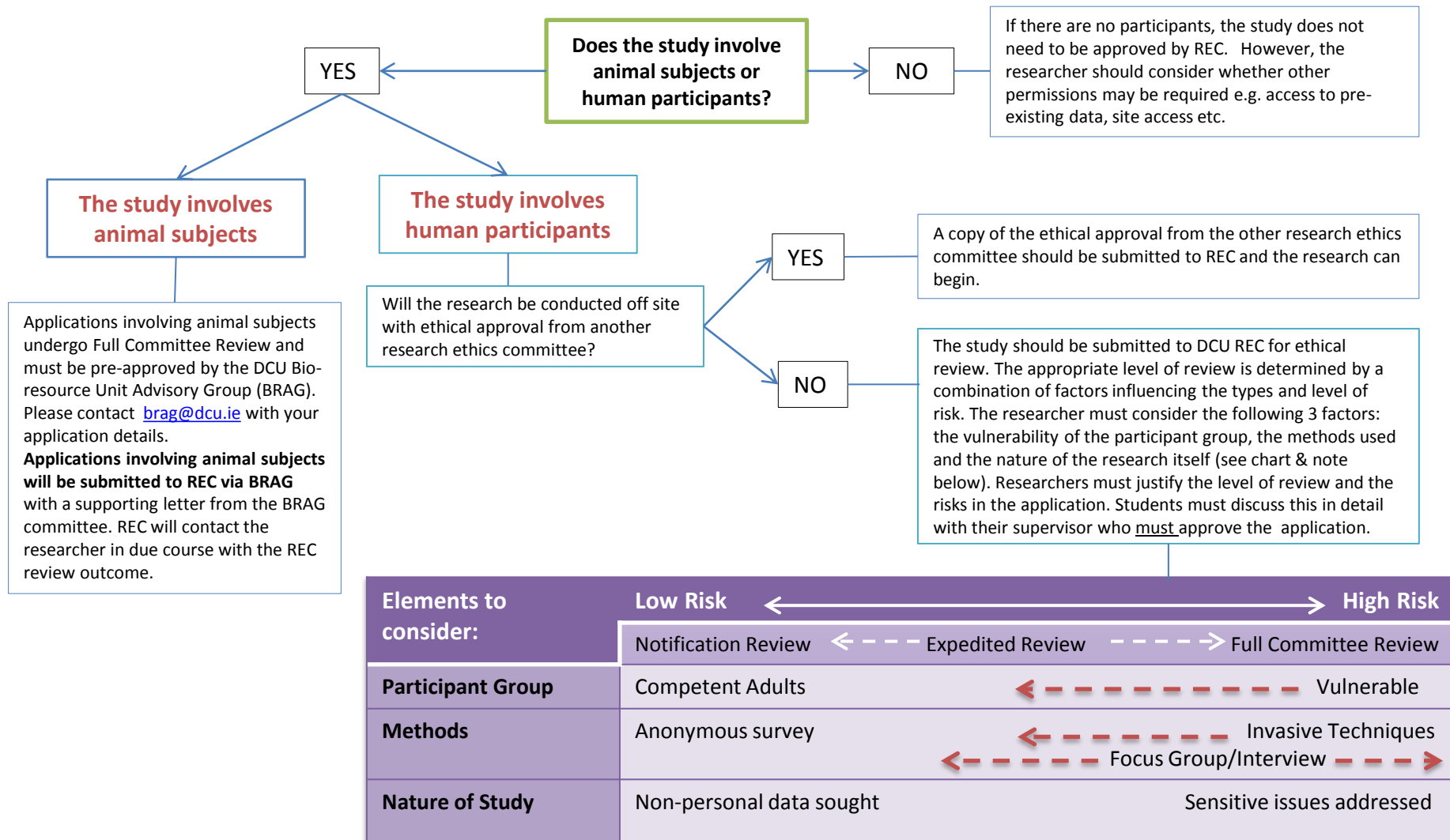


## DCU REC Flowchart

Further details are available at [https://www4.dcu.ie/researchsupport/research\\_integrity\\_ethics.shtml](https://www4.dcu.ie/researchsupport/research_integrity_ethics.shtml)



**Please note:** Determining the level of review and degree of risk can be complex and involves making judgments. The chart should be used as a general guideline to help determine the appropriate form. It is not intended to rigidly classify projects but as a tool which suggests how to justify the choices made in the application form. Projects where all 3 factors appear on the same point of the spectrum are the clearest. For example, an anonymous survey collecting impersonal data from competent adults has the lowest risks and would use the Notification Form. Another project involving interviews with children (a vulnerable group) about a sensitive topic (e.g. bullying) involves high risks and would require Full Committee Review. However, a project involving children (vulnerable) but using an anonymous survey to collect non-personal data (e.g. about a teaching method) could use Expedited Review. The notification form cannot be used for vulnerable participants or invasive techniques.