



Dear Prof Graham Kirby

Thank you for submitting an Ethics Application Form for review by the Computer Science ethics committee. The committee reviewed this application and accompanying documents on 22 June 2026. The outcome of this review is given below:

**Project Title** Evaluation of Artifacts Produced in Computer Science Student Projects  
**Researcher(s)** Prof Graham Kirby  
**Supervisor(s)**  
**Application Ref** 0967 - CS-0967-2339-2026  
**Decision Date** 22 June 2026      **Decision Expiry Date** 22 June 2031  
**Review Outcome** Favourable opinion  
**Specific Conditions** (optional) None  
**Ethics committee comments** (optional) None

The following supporting documents are acknowledged:

Document Type	File Name	Date	Version
PIS Document	artifact-evaluation-participant-information-sheet.docx	02/05/2026	1

### Favourable opinions

A favourable opinion is conditional upon any conditions set by the committee, if any, as described in the ‘Specific conditions’ section above.

A favourable opinion is valid for 5 years from the decision date, see the expiry date above.

If you wish for this opinion to apply to any subsequent changes made to the project, you must first submit an amendment request to the ethics committee, using the University’s ethics amendment application form. Changes made to the research without the submission of such a request will invalidate this favourable opinion.

Ethics opinions must be renewed every 5 years by submission of a new application. If only a short extension is required, for example to finish writing up, you can request a discretionary extension of up to 6 months from the ethics committee.

You must report any serious adverse events, or significant changes not covered by this approval, related to this study immediately to the ethics committee.

A favourable opinion is given on the condition that:

- you abide by any specific conditions set by the ethics committee
- you conduct your research in line with:
  - the details provided in your ethical application.
  - relevant University policies and procedures, including the [Principles of Good Research Conduct](#).
  - the conditions of any funding associated with your work.
  - any local legal or ethical requirements.
- all applicable approvals, permissions, or documents are obtained before research commences.

A favourable opinion by a University ethics committee does not confer any kind of approval for the research, be it governance, legal or otherwise. However, a favourable opinion is necessary for the research to proceed.

You should retain this approval letter with your study paperwork.

Yours sincerely,

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