**Skeletal Tissue Bank Applications**

Applications for access to the Skeletal Tissue Bank are reviewed by the Dental Research Ethics Committee (DREC). Applicants must complete a [Tissue Bank application form](https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/download/downloads/id/344/dental_tissue_bank_application_form.docx) and send it to Julie McDermott for DREC review.

In all cases a clear scientific justification must be provided in the application form to:

* justify why human samples are required versus bovine
* the number of samples required (NB: no more than 20 samples per application will be permitted)
* the condition of samples i.e. fresh, dried
* the type of samples i.e. teeth (canine, molar, pre-molar, periodontal ligament), bone marrow

As samples are limited we would strongly advise researchers to contact other researchers to discuss the possibility of sharing samples i.e. one researcher may require periodontal ligament, the other dental pulp.

**Quality of applications**

Poor quality applications will be returned to the applicant and supervisor(s), where appropriate, for amendment prior to further review. The supervisor(s) will be responsible for ensuring that all of the issues are addressed and the application is of an expected standard prior to re-submission.

**Templates**

* [Skeletal Tissue Bank application form](https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/download/downloads/id/344/dental_tissue_bank_application_form.docx)

**Tips for speeding up the review process**

* Answer all of the questions in the application form
* Sign the form. Electronic signatures are acceptable
* If you are a student, one of your supervisors MUST check and sign the form prior to submission
* Remember to include a short protocol for your study (maximum 1 or 2 A4 sides) and ensure it has a version number and date

If you are unsure of what type of approval you require, please read the [School of Dentistry Research Ethics Flowchart](https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/download/downloads/id/326/ethics_flowchart.pptx) or contact Julie McDermott for further information about applying to the Skeletal Tissue Bank.