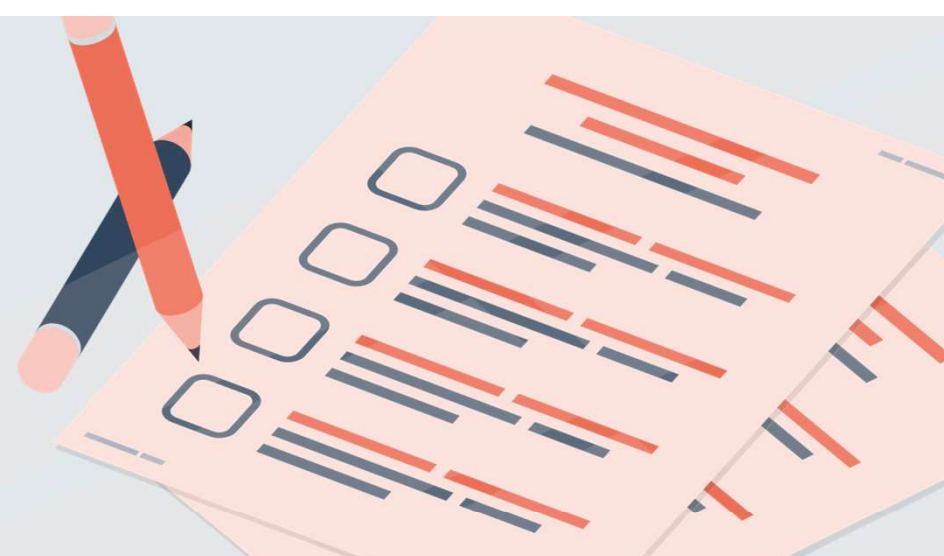# Applying for linked data in ACT

While each application for linked data is unique, we have summarised the process into a few key steps to assist Researchers.

1 Plan your study
Review dataset and variable information on the CHeReL website.

2 Complete your application forms
Review the forms you need to complete as listed on the CHeReL website.

3 Submit your application forms
When ready, submit completed forms to the CHeReL. We will review your application and provide feedback and a quote.

4 Complete technical feasibility review
Once your team has addressed any feedback from the Research Project Manager, your project will be deemed technically feasible. You will receive an email to confirm technical feasibility.

5 Submit to the Ethics Committee
ACT-only data should be submitted to ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). If project includes ACT and NSW data, you need to submit required documents to PHSREC first prior to submitting to ACT Health HREC. If project includes all ACT public hospitals, you will also need to submit to Calvary Public Hospital HREC.

6 Data Custodian approval
Once you receive notice of ethics approval from the ACT Health HREC, please contact relevant data custodians to obtain sign off. ACT Health will advise on this process.

7 Notify CHeReL of your approvals
Once ethics and Data Custodian approvals are obtained, send a copy of the approval letter and all documents listed to CHeReL.

8 Data access
Once all approvals have been obtained, ACT Health will arrange secure access to the linked data.