Research ethics for philosophy: Self-evident, unnecessary or at least very boring?

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Abstract. Philosophers have contributed to many areas of ethics such as nursing ethics and engineering ethics. However, ethics of philosophy itself has not been much discussed. I argue that there is a need for such discussion. I present some research ethical questions that may be quite unique to philosophy and consider possible ways of answering them. The questions can be distinguished into three groups that are about (1) choice of topic, (2) ways of doing research, (3) use and misuse of results. I will use applied ethics (broadly understood) as an example, but I think that much of what I say concerns also other areas of philosophy.