**IRBF024 - INFORMED CONSENT for ONLINE STUDIES**

**(Use this consent template when recruiting adult participants when online data are collected)**

**General Information**

1. Use this form for requesting online consent for enrolling participants in your study that involves no more than minimal risk
2. The participants must be 18 years or older AND they must NOT be classified as “vulnerable” or considered as special populations by OHRP or other federal/state laws.
   1. Minors under the age of 18, women who are pregnant and prisoners are classified as vulnerable in addition to certain individuals whose cognitive ability to give consent is reduced due to any medical, physical, financial or other situations.
3. This template is suitable for studies that qualify for exemption as well as those which are reviewed by the expedited or full review mechanisms.
4. Alterations and waiver of this template are strongly discouraged.
5. Mandatory Consent Requirements for online use:
   1. Use the same text used in this form when requesting online consent from the participants – Provide the online consent link for IRB review
   2. The first page of the survey must display this informed consent text.
   3. Participants’ consent to participate must be entertained by two distinct responses: one to consent and one to decline.
      1. The participant age must be verified through a separate question
      2. Agreeing to consent and age verification must both be true before the online instrument can be administered.
      3. Additional questions may be asked for filtering ineligible participants
6. The Faculty Advisor information will be removed at the review/approval stage if the PI is NOT a student.

**Instructions**

1. Sections of this form that may be irrelevant to your study, such as compensation, alternative methods offered and etc can be removed by clicking appropriate boxes.
2. The boxes listed in the bottom of the consent form are for the participants
3. Barring the actual signatures, the text boxes in two sections must be properly completed before submitting for IRB approval.
4. All irrelevant information to the protocol will be removed at the approval stage.

**IRBF024 – Participant Informed Consent (ONLINE)**

**Language to be used for online surveys that qualify for “no more than minimal risk”**

**Use the following text as printed here in the first page of the Qualtrics survey to administer online informed consent. Alterations to this template are allowed on a case by case basis. However, making alterations would delay the review and approval process.**

**Information and Disclosure Section**

The following information is provided to inform you about the research project in which you have been invited to participate. Please read this disclosure and feel free to ask any questions. The investigators must answer all of your questions and please save this page as a PDF for future reference.

* Your participation in this research study is voluntary.
* You are also free to withdraw from this study at any time without loss of any benefits.

For additional information on your rights as a participant in this study, please contact the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Office of Compliance (Tel 615-494-8918 or send your emails to [irb\_information@mtsu.edu](mailto:irb_information@mtsu.edu). (URL: http://[www.mtsu.edu/irb](http://www.mtsu.edu/irb)).

**Please read the following and respond to the consent questions in the bottom if you wish to enroll in this study.**

1. **Purpose**: This research project is designed to help us evaluate \_\_\_\_

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1. **Description**: There are several parts to this project. They are: \_\_\_\_

* \_\_\_\_

1. **IRB Approval Details**

* Protocol Title: \_\_\_\_
* Primary Investigator: \_\_\_\_
* PI Department & College: \_\_\_\_
* Faculty Advisor (if PI is a student): \_\_\_\_
* Protocol ID: \_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_

1. **Duration**: The whole activity should take about \_\_\_\_ minutes/hours. The subjects must take at least \_\_\_\_ minutes/hours to complete the study.
2. **Here are your rights as a participant: (MANDATORY)**

* Your participation in this research is voluntary.
* You may skip any item that you don't want to answer, and you may stop the experiment at any time (but see the note below)
* If you leave an item blank by either not clicking or entering a response, you may be warned that you missed one, just in case it was an accident. But you can continue the study without entering a response if you didn’t want to answer any questions.
* Some items may require a response to accurately present the survey.

1. **Risks & Discomforts:** \_\_\_\_
2. **Benefits:**
   1. Benefits to you that you may not receive outside this research: \_DEFAULT: There are no direct benefits to you\_\_\_
   2. Benefits to the field of science or the community: \_\_\_\_
3. **Identifiable Information**: You will NOT be asked to provide identifiable personal information/You may provide contact information for follow-up / We may request your contact information for compensation purposes
4. **Compensation: There is no compensation for participating in this study/** The participants will be compensated as described below:

Class credit – Explain:

Cash Gift Card Merchandise Value per participation $

Other

*Compensation Requirements (REMOVE ALL THOSE NOT APPLICABLE):*

1. *The qualifications to participate in this research are:* \_\_\_\_*. If you do not meet these qualifications, you will not be included in the research and you will not be compensated.*
2. *After you complete this consent form you will answer screening questions. If you fail to qualify for the research based on these questions, the research will end and you will not be compensated.*
3. *Please do not participate in this research more than once. Multiple attempts to participate will not be compensated.*
4. *Attention checks are embedded in the research. If you fail*  \_\_\_\_ *or*  \_\_\_\_ *of these, then you will not be compensated.*
5. *To be compensated, you must receive a completion code. That requires clicking on the final screen of the study. If you choose to stop for any reason, you will still need to click through until the end to receive compensation (just leave the items blank and click through until the end <; if items require a response to present the survey accurately, you will need to respond to those items as your progress to the end of the survey)>.*
6. *Based on the cash value of the compensation (more than $75 per iteration), you will be asked for tax details for accounting purposes.*
7. **Confidentiality.** All efforts, within reason, will be made to keep your personal information private but total privacy cannot be promised. Your information may be shared with MTSU or the government, such as the Middle Tennessee State University Institutional Review Board, Federal Government Office for Human Research Protections, *if* you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law.
8. **Contact Information.** If you should have any questions about this research study or possibly injury, please feel free to contact PI Name by telephone PI Telephone or by email PI's email ID OR my faculty advisor, Faclty's Name - ENTER N/A if PI is not a student), at Enter a valid email ID and a telephone number. You can also contact the MTSU Office of compliance via telephone (615 494 8918) or by email ([compliance@mtsu.edu](mailto:compliance@mtsu.edu)). This contact information will be presented again at the end of the experiment.

**You are not required to do anything further if you decide not to enroll in this study. Just quit your browser. Please complete the response section below if you wish to learn more or you wish to part take in this study.**

**Participant Response Section**

No Yes I have read this informed consent document pertaining to the above identified research

No Yes The research procedures to be conducted are clear to me

No Yes I confirm I am 18 years or older

No Yes I am aware of the potential risks of the study

By clicking below, I affirm that I freely and voluntarily choose to participate in this study. I understand I can withdraw from this study at any time without facing any consequences.

NO I do not consent

Yes I consent