



## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the necessary elements for recruitment and informed consent of human subjects participating in internet-based research studies. These criterion are published by the [Office for Human Research Protections \(OHRP\)](#) and adapted by Jacksonville University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

This Internet Research Consent has been drafted into a separate template for ease of use in copying and pasting it into an online platform rather than using the paper form for consenting. Please remember that all verbiage meant for consenting adults must be written at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the sample below and replace all text in brackets with information applicable to your study. Please read carefully and be sure that all bracketed text is either replaced or deleted.

## SAMPLE OF INTERNET INFORMED CONSENT BELOW:

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### I. Identification of Investigator and Purpose of Study

You are invited to participate in a research study, entitled “[YOUR STUDY TITLE HERE].” The study is being conducted by the researchers listed below:

- [INSERT NAMES, DEPARTMENT, AND PHONE NUMBER HERE]

The purpose of this research study is to examine [INFORMATION HERE]. Your participation in the study will contribute to a better understanding of [INFORMATION HERE]. You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

If you agree to participate:

- The [ACTIVITY] will take approximately [APPROXIMATE TIME LENGTH OF STUDY] of your time.
- You will complete an activity about [INFORMATION].
- The investigators will collect [LIST ALL DATA POINTS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION DETAILS THAT WILL BE ASKED]
- You [will or will not] be compensated. [COMPENSATION INFORMATION]

## **II. Risks/Benefits/Confidentiality of Data**

There are **[no known risks]** or **[some possible risks or discomfort which could cause you to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, sad, tired, etc]**. There will be no costs for participating, nor will you benefit from participating. Your name and email address **[will or will not]** be kept during the data collection phase **[for tracking purposes only]**. **[Identifying information will be stripped from the final dataset.]**

Only the researchers and certain Jacksonville University officials have the legal right to review research records, and they will protect the secrecy (confidentiality) of these records as much as the law allows. Otherwise, your research records will not be released without your permission unless required by law or a court order.

## **III. Participation or Withdrawal**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any question and you have the right to withdraw from participation at any time. Withdrawal will not affect your relationship with Jacksonville University in anyway. If you do not want to participate either simply stop participating or close the browser window.

If you do not want to receive any more reminders, you may email us at **[EMAIL ADDRESS]** or follow this link to opt out of future emails **[HTTP://LINK TO REMOVAL URL]**.

## **IV. Conflict of Interest**

In general, presenting research results helps the career of a scientist. The researchers may benefit if the results of this study are presented at scientific meetings or published in scientific journals but your name and/or pictures will not be used. **[DISCLOSE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY OF THE PRODUCTS OR BRANDS POSSIBLY MENTIONED IN THIS STUDY, DECLARE ANY OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST HERE]**.

## **V. Contacts**

If you have any questions about the study or need to update your email address contact the Principal Investigator, **[INSERT NAME HERE]**, at **[PHONE NUMBER]** or send an email to **[EMAIL ADDRESS]**. The address of the site of the study is **[Jacksonville University, 2800 University Blvd N, Jacksonville, FL 32211]** OR **[INSERT ADDRESS OF OFF-SITE RESEARCH FACILITY]**.

## **VI. Review and Approval of Study**

This study has been reviewed by the Jacksonville University Institutional Review Board and the study number is **[STUDY NUMBER]**.

**Questions about your rights as a research participant.**

If you have questions about your rights or are dissatisfied at any time with any part of this study, you can contact, anonymously if you wish, the Institutional Review Board by phone at (904) 256-7151 or email at [juirb@ju.edu](mailto:juirb@ju.edu) .

If you agree to participate, click on the following link [**HTTP://LINK TO STUDY URL**]  
The password for the study is [**PASSWORD**].

Thank you.

**Please print a copy of this document for your records.**

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