# **Instructions for Investigators**

**Reminder:** The process of obtaining informed consent must comply with the requirements of 45 CFR 46.116. The documentation of informed consent must comply with 45 CFR 46.117.

These regulations are available at: <https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/index.html>.

Use this type of CONSENT FORM for research projects that involve:

* Anonymous Surveys completed online
* Research participants who are ADULTS (age 18 and older).
* For online survey research, a consent handout may be administered by various electronic methods including in an email to potential participants, a separate web page, cover, or first page of the survey, etc.

**Please remove the yellow highlights and red notes before finalizing your consent form.**

Hello, my name is NAME and you are invited to take part in a research study. I am a graduate student in the DOCTORAL PROGRAM at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. As part of the requirements for earning my doctorate, I am doing a research project.

**Why is this study being done?**

The purpose of my project is BRIEF EXPLANATION OF WHAT YOUR STUDY IS ABOUT. I am inviting you to participate in my project because REASON YOU ASKED THE PERSON TO PARTICIPATE.

**What am I being asked to do?**

Modify and elaborate as needed: If you participate in this project, you will be asked to fill out a survey.

**Taking part in this study is your choice.**

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. You may stop participating at any time. If you stop being in the study, there will be no penalty or loss of benefits you would normally have.

**What will happen if I decide to take part in this study?**

Modify and elaborate as needed: The survey consists of DESCRIPTION AND NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. It will take TIME. The survey questions include questions like, “PROVIDE A SAMPLE QUESTION” and “PROVIDE A SAMPLE QUESTION”. The survey is accessed on a website to which I will provide you a link.

**What are the risks and benefits of taking part in this study?**

Modify as needed: I believe there is little risk to you for participating in this research project. You may become stressed or uncomfortable answering any of the survey questions. If you do become stressed or uncomfortable, you can skip the question or take a break. You can also stop taking the survey or you can withdraw from the project altogether.

There will be no direct benefit to you for participating in this survey. The results of this project may DESCRIBE BROADER BENEFIT.

**Confidentiality and Privacy:**

Modify as needed: I will not ask you for any personal information, such as your name or address. Please do not include any personal information in your survey responses. I will not collect your email or IP address; the survey is completely anonymous. I will keep all study data DESCRIBE DATA SECURITY MEASURES BRIEFLY. Only my Franklin University dissertation chair and I will have access to the information. Other agencies that have legal permission have the right to review research records. The Franklin University IRB has the right to review research records for this study.

**Compensation:**

Modify or delete as necessary: You will receive ENTER COMPENSATION for your time and effort in participating in this research project.

**Questions:**

If you have any questions about this study, please email me at FRANKLIN EMAIL ADDRESS. You may also contact my dissertation chair, Dr. NAME, at EMAIL ADDRESS. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the Franklin University IRB Office at 614-947-6037 or irb@franklin.edu.

Modify as needed:

**To Access the Survey:** Please go to the following web page: (surveymonkey100.com). You should find a link and instructions for completing the survey. Going to the first page of the survey implies your consent to participate in this study.

Please print or save a copy of this page for your reference.

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**To Access the Survey:** Please click the button below to proceed and participate in this study. If you do not wish to participate, please close out your browser window.