



Information Sheet

Title of Project: University of Edinburgh Research Volunteer Panel and Database

We would like to invite you to be part of our University of Edinburgh Research Volunteer Panel and Database. You will only be included if you want to; choosing not to be included will not disadvantage you in any way. Before you decide whether you want to be included, it is important for you to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

At the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (PPLS), we have several research programmes with many different projects to study human behaviour. Some of the projects involve coming to Edinburgh. However, many projects can be completed online at our secure website. We are always looking for people who are willing to participate. We have developed a database of people who are willing to be contacted when projects are looking for eligible individuals.

If you agree to be part of this database, you will be invited to fill in an online registration form, which will take approximately 5 minutes per person. We will ask you for your contact details and other personal information. When projects become available, we will contact you and invite you to participate in that project. If you decide to be included in the database, you are under no obligation to take part in any of these studies. Data collected from your participation in any research study may be used in a variety of research projects, in an anonymised form.

From time to time, we may also contact you with information about studies at other research organisations within the UK. We consider requests to promote the studies of other research groups very carefully. We may also contact you with updates about ongoing research at the University.

Confidentiality - who will have access to the data?

All research data will be identified only by a code, with personal details kept in a secure database. Access will only be granted to the Participant Research Co-ordinator. All data (i.e. contact details and/or results of studies as appropriate) will be collected and stored in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, and will not be passed on without your prior, written consent.

What will happen to the study results?

Results from all research projects that you take part in at the University of Edinburgh will be presented at conferences and written up in journals. Results are normally presented in terms of groups of individuals. If any individual data are presented, the data will be totally anonymous, without any means of identifying the individuals involved.

Withdrawal from the panel

You may request to be removed from the database at any stage without explanation by sending an email to volunteer.panel@ed.ac.uk. All invitations to take part in research studies will include a link to withdraw from the panel should you wish to do so. We will also send you periodic reminders to keep your contact details up to date on our system.

Ethical approval

The database has received ethical approval from the Psychology Research Ethics Committee of the University of Edinburgh.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact participant research coordinator by telephone (0131 651 1761) or email (volunteer.panel@ed.ac.uk).

Thank you for considering being part of the University of Edinburgh Research Volunteer Database.

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