

## University System of Georgia Informed Consent

**Project Title:** Getting to Know Our Students Survey

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the study is to gain a better understanding of how our students differ such as attitudes, beliefs, personality traits, and perceptions of college as related to their college experiences. We also wish to understand some of the challenges you may have as a college student so we can identify programs to address your needs.

**Procedures:** There are several phases to this project. You are being asked to complete this survey during the first two weeks of the semester and again during the last two weeks of the semester. Completing the survey will take approximately 20 - 30 minutes. If you are unable to complete the survey when you first start it, do not close the survey window. As long as you leave the window open you may return to the survey to complete it. Students must be age 18 or older to participate.

**Risks/Benefits:** There are no personal risks or benefits associated with completing this survey. Your time is what we are asking you to contribute. Over your college career, we may contact you as part of a smaller group to complete additional measures for us.

**Confidentiality:** We will follow your academic experiences during the coming year and beyond. In order to do this, we will need to collect your student ID# and your home institution. By participating in this study, you are giving us permission to access your academic records and to potentially contact you during the coming year in order to complete a few brief surveys related to your college experiences. All of your data will remain strictly confidential – meaning that only the researchers will have access to it. Only summary data from all students in your institution and all institutions across the University System of Georgia will be made public. No teachers or administrators from your own college will have access to any of the data which can be connected to you personally. Once all the data have been collected, the personally identifiable information will be destroyed.

**Principal Investigator/ Contact Information:** If you have any questions about this study, please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University System of Georgia ([Tristan.denley@usg.edu](mailto:Tristan.denley@usg.edu) or 404-962-3072)

### Your Rights as a Research Participant

- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
- You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
- Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
- You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.
- You do not waive any of your legal rights by signing this consent form.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact

Ms. Melanie Clark, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 894-6942.

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“Ms. Kelly Winn, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 385- 2175.

### Consent

I have read the above information and my questions have been answered satisfactorily by project staff. I believe I understand the purpose, benefits, and risks of the study and give my informed and free consent to be a participant.

- I Agree       I choose not to participate and will not be contacted in the future on this project.