Recommended Informed Consent Language

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**Instructions**

Template language has been developed to assist researchers who plan to use SONA as part of their human subject research project. It is highly recommended that researchers who are using SONA adopt one of these templates when creating consent forms for their studies. Below, you are provided with sample language for online surveys as well as language for a standard lab study or a two-part study. If you have a highly sophisticated study design, please seek advice on how to amend these templates to fit your study design (either by emailing [misadmin@msu.edu](mailto:misadmin@msu.edu) or contacting the MSU IRB at [irb@msu.edu](mailto:irb@msu.edu) ). *Please note there are different recommendations if you plan to use Experimetrix (see the Experimetrix recommended informed consent language).*

**Recommended Language for Online Surveys**

*Costs and compensation*

Participants who consent to take part in this survey will be awarded SONA credits through [http://msucas.sona-systems.com](http://msucas.sona-systems.com/). In the SONA system, 1 hour of research participation is worth 1 SONA credit and this credit is pro-rated in 15-minute increments. It is up to individual course instructors to determine how many points this converts to in their classes (this should be specified in the syllabus for each course).

The duration of this online survey is approximately 45 minutes. Hence, participants who complete this survey will receive .75 SONA credits.

Please note that if you do not include your SONA PIN in the online survey the researcher cannot identify you and so you will receive 0 SONA credit if you fail to correctly enter your SONA PIN in the online survey.

Please do not complete this survey if you did not register for it on SONA. Some studies have prerequisites. If you did not see this study advertised in your SONA account (e.g., if a friend forwarded you the link), you should not complete this study. In order to receive credit for participation you MUST be registered for this study.

Participation in this online survey is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time without penalty. This means that no SONA credits will be deducted from your account, nor will withdrawal have any effect on your relationship with any of your instructors. Participants who click through whole sections of this survey without answering the questions will be awarded credit based on the portion of the survey they complete (1/3 completion = .25 SONA credit, 2/3 completion = .5 SONA credit). Students who click on the link and do not answer any questions except the question about their SONA PIN will receive 0 SONA credit.

**Recommended Language for Lab Studies – Standard (1 part) Study**

*Costs and compensation*

Participants who consent to take part in this study will be awarded SONA credits through [http://msucas.sona-systems.com](http://msucas.sona-systems.com/). In the SONA system, 1 hour of research participation is worth 1 SONA credit and this credit is pro-rated in 15-minute increments. It is up to individual course instructors to determine how many points this converts to in their classes (this should be specified in the syllabus for each course).

The duration of this study is approximately 45 minutes. Hence, participants who complete this study will receive .75 SONA credits.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time without penalty. This means that no SONA credits will be deducted from your account, nor will withdrawal have any effect on your relationship with any of your instructors. Participants who withdraw partway through the study will be awarded credit based on the portion of the study they complete (1/3 completion = .25 SONA credit, 2/3 completion = .5 SONA credit). Students who view the materials but do not participate in any part of the research will receive 0 SONA credit.

**Recommended Language for Two Part Studies**

*Costs and compensation*

Participants who consent to take part in this study will be awarded SONA credits through [http://msucas.sona-systems.com](http://msucas.sona-systems.com/). In the SONA system, 1 hour of research participation is worth 1 SONA credit and this credit is pro-rated in 15-minute increments. It is up to individual course instructors to determine how many points this converts to in their classes (this should be specified in the syllabus for each course).

This study involves two parts. The first part is a one-hour lab study. Students who complete the lab study will receive 1.00 SONA credit. The second part of this study is an online survey. You will be sent the link next week. The online survey takes approximately 15mins. Students who complete the online survey will receive an additional .25 SONA credit. Students who do not complete the online survey will receive 0 additional SONA credit.

Please note that if you do not include your SONA PIN in the online survey the researcher cannot identify you and so you will receive 0 additional SONA credit if you fail to correctly enter your SONA PIN in the online survey.

Participation in both parts of the study (lab and online survey) is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time without penalty. This means that no SONA credits will be deducted from your account, nor will withdrawal have any effect on your relationship with any of your instructors. Participants who withdraw partway through the lab study will be awarded credit based on the portion of the study they complete (1/4 completion = .25 SONA credit, 1/2 completion = .5 SONA credit, ¾ completion = .75 SONA credit). Students who view the materials but do not participate in any part of the lab study will receive 0 SONA credit. Likewise, students who click on the link to the online survey but fail to complete it will receive 0 SONA credit for the follow-up survey.