



## General Consent for Participation in Laboratory Experiments at the Nuffield Centre for Experiment Social Sciences

The information on this consent form mirrors the information you were provided with when you first registered for Nuffield CESS's laboratory participant pool. Your participation is entirely voluntary. Your signature at the end of this form serves as written confirmation of your understanding of your rights as a participant and of CESS's laboratory rules.

### **Rules for Laboratory Experiments**

- By registering for laboratory experiments, you indicate your intention to take part in CESS experiments.
- For each experiment, a certain number of registered participants will be invited to sign up to participate. You only have the right to take part in the experiment if you are invited via email.
- If you get an email inviting you to an experiment, you have to take the steps outlined in the email to take part in the experiment. In doing so, you indicate your commitment to participate.
- If you agree to take part in an experiment, you are expected to arrive at least five minutes ahead of time. This will help us start experiments on time and prevents us cancelling experiments if too few people come to the lab.
- If you register for an experimental session and show up on time, you are guaranteed to be paid at least the showup fee of £5. Participants who arrive after the scheduled start time and do not participate will not receive their showup payment.
- For each experiment, an excess number of participants will be allowed to register. Should more participants than can be used come to an experiment, we will ask if there are any volunteers willing to forego participating and receive their £5 showup fee for coming to the lab instead. Otherwise, a random draw will be used to determine who will participate.
- Usually, payment will be in the form of cash and you will be paid in private at the conclusion of the session. The amount may depend on your choices, the choices of others and luck but you are guaranteed to earn at least the showup fee of £5.
- During an experiment, you are expected to not be disruptive and to behave according to the experiment's instructions. If you fail to do so, you may be asked to leave and may not receive compensation for your participation.
- By completing an experiment, you are agreeing to have the data you provide to be used anonymously as part of academic research.

- You are expected to provide truthful information to the best of your knowledge.
- You are not allowed to threaten or otherwise intimidate and/or insult other participants or CESS researchers. Doing so will result in your immediate expulsion from an experiment and removal from the CESS participant pool

### **Researchers' Commitments & Privacy Policy**

- Participants are never coerced into participating in an experiment. Participants always have the right to withdraw their participation in a study at any point without providing a reason and without penalty.
- All participants and researchers are protected from being harmed physically, psychologically, and emotionally during the course of all research. Any possibility for harm will be clearly outlined during the consent process along with information about how risks are minimized and are far outweighed by the benefit to the individual participating.
- Participants will always be properly informed about the purpose and methods involved in any experiment prior to agreeing to participate. Participants will not be allowed to participate without confirming their consent but will be paid their £5 showup fee even if they decide not to participate after receiving additional information about the study.
- Researchers cannot deceive CESS participants. This means that if a researcher makes a promise to a participant as part of their study, they must keep it.
  - If a researcher says there are interactions with another participant in the laboratory then that is indeed the case.
  - If a researcher guarantees a certain payment as part of the study, then participants will indeed receive it.
  - In the event a mistake is made, it will be rectified in the way that is most advantageous to participants.
- Participants are always allowed to ask questions about the study prior to, during, and after participating.
- All research conducted through CESS must receive ethics approval prior to conducting any sessions. This means that the study's methods are consistent with recognized scientific standards and ethics principles.
- Personal data provided by participants registering to participate in experiments at CESS will never be released to any third party unless express permission is given by the participant or to the extent required by law. Any participant has the right to have their personal data removed from the CESS system.
- Any direct links between personal data in the registration system and the data collected during a study will be destroyed following the conclusion of data collection.
- Every participant can decide at any moment to unsubscribe from the participants database. Unsubscribing from the database implies that no further invitations to our studies will be sent to that person and that their personal information will be removed from the registration system.
- The data generated during an experiment is fully anonymized (unless explicitly stated otherwise during the consent process) and is stored on CESS secure servers and/or external hard drives. Researchers are given copies of the anonymized data to write scientific articles and to give presentations.

**I (name in block letters) \_\_\_\_\_ confirm to have read and understood the rules stated above, and provide my consent to participate in experiments run at CESS.**

**Signature:**

**Date:**