

Key Information

The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later in this form.

Why is my child being invited to take part in a research study?

You are reading this form, because your child has expressed interest in being contacted about research studies for which your child may be eligible. The Parental Permission form is to allow your minor child access to create a Study Pool account.

What should I know about a research study?

- This form will explain this research study to you and your child.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you and your child.
- Your child's participation is completely voluntary.
- You and your child can choose not to take part.
- You and your child can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- You and your child's decision will not be held against you.
- You and your child's refusal to participate will not result in any consequences or any loss of benefits that you and your child are otherwise entitled to receive.
- You and your child can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

The Study Pool administers an online **Prescreening Survey**. The purpose of prescreening survey is to collect some demographic and other personal information about participants that will help researchers invite qualified participants to do their studies. The prescreen ensures the participant that they have met the basic qualifications for the study. Additional prescreening can be asked to further qualify or disqualify participants.

How long will the research last and what will my child need to do?

The prescreening for the Psychology Study Pool account takes about 90 seconds to complete. Your child will only be asked to fill out the demographic questionnaire once.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for my child?

We don't foresee any negative effects on answering the prescreening questionnaire for a Study Pool account. It is possible that at some point your child's profile data may be seen by someone other than the site administrator, either by accident, or because of a security breach. Safeguards are in place to prevent this from happening. (Please see Privacy information in Detailed Information below.)

Will being in this study help my child in any way?

We do not expect that your child will directly benefit from signing up for the study pool. However, we hope that your child may enjoy the process of taking part in research studies.

Detailed Information

The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

What is the purpose of this research?

Sona is the software system that the Psychology Study Pool uses to recruit participants for departmental research. With your consent, your child may review studies that are approved for their age after answering a demographic questionnaire.

What can I expect if my child takes part in this research?

The Psychology Study Pool is a department program that invites volunteers to review our current research studies and provides researchers a recruitment platform for their research. Your child has expressed interest in our research and as a minor must have your consent to participate. Each participant must complete the survey in order to participate in our Study Pool. We ask that your child provide truthful and honest answers when completing the

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demographic survey, as they will be used to match your child with studies for which your child is eligible based on the reported demographic information.

Completing the survey allows your child to sign up for studies.

Each research study is unique to the researcher. You and your child may ask questions prior to signing up. At any time during the study your child can stop and say they do not want to participate. There is no pressure to participate and sign-ups are listed by date and time. Decisions to participate or not will not be held against you, and there are no adverse consequences for not participating.

What happens if I or my child say yes, but I or my child change our minds later?

After completing the demographic questionnaire, and any research studies, you or your child may choose to delete your child's Psychology Study Pool account at any time. However, please note that user data is downloaded regularly for tracking purposes, and reports of your child's data may be retained, even if you or your child delete the Study Pool account. If you are not okay with this, we recommend that you do not create an account.

If my child takes part in this research, how will their privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?

Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your child's Personal Information to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete secrecy. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the IRB and other representatives of this organization.

When your child is identified as being eligible for a study, the researcher of that study will be able to see your child's demographic questionnaire and Psychology Study Pool Identity Code (a randomly generated ID number), but not your child's identifiable profile data (such as contact information and name).

Your child's answers to the demographic questionnaire may be used in the research studies for which your child signs up, and will not be distributed without you or your child's knowledge, or permission.

Can my child be removed from the research without my OK?

The person in charge of the Psychology Study Pool or the administrator can remove your child from the Study Pool without you or your child's approval. Possible reasons for removal include, your child has not responded to emails, or your child's account has not been active for quite some time.

What else do I need to know?

Compensation – You and your child will not be offered compensation for completing your child's Psychology Study Pool profile and demographic questionnaire. If your child chooses to enroll in a research study for which your child is eligible, your child will receive course credit or cash, per Psychology Study Pool policy.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the SONA administrator at: studypool@fas.harvard.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Harvard University Area Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). You may talk to them at (617) 496-2847 or cuhs@harvard.edu if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your child's rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

Signature Block for Involvement of Children

Your signature documents your permission for the named child to take part in this research.

Printed Name of Child

Signature of Parent or Individual Legally Authorized to
Consent to the Child's General Medical Care

Date

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