

**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
NON-BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**



“ITR PI Meeting and Research Assessment”

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Jonathon Cummings, from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Sara Kiesler, from the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you received an ITR award from the National Science Foundation. You should read the information below, and ask questions about anything you do not understand, before deciding whether or not to participate.

- **PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you are free to choose whether to be in it or not. If you choose to be in this study, you may subsequently withdraw from it at any time without penalty or consequences of any kind. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.

- **PURPOSE OF THE STUDY**

The purpose of the study is to assess the processes and outcomes of your ITR research project, such as the coordination techniques you used and the papers generated from your work.

- **PROCEDURES**

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to complete an online survey with questions about the processes such as frequency and types of knowledge exchanged, as well as outcomes such as publications and students trained, in your ITR project. We would also ask to use your CV and ITR annual reports, in addition to participating in discussions conducted in small groups at the ITR PI meeting.

- **POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS**

There are no foreseeable risks for participating in this research

- **POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

You will be able to receive a copy of the results after they have been published

- **PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION**

There is no payment for participation.

- **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law.

Responses are confidential, and will not be shared with other researchers. In addition, responses will be stored in a password-protected database separate from their names in order to ensure the privacy of the information they provide.

- **IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact:

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- **RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you feel you have been treated unfairly, or you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects, M.I.T., Room E32-335, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139, phone 1-617-253 6787.

SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH SUBJECT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

Name of Subject

Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

Signature of Subject or Legal Representative

Date

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR

In my judgment the subject is voluntarily and knowingly giving informed consent and possesses the legal capacity to give informed consent to participate in this research study.

Signature of Investigator

Date