Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) for Life Sciences 2 Students about Cognitive Processing

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Gaston Pfluegl, Ph.D., Director of the Life Sciences Laboratories at UCLA and Beth Lazazzera, Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology Immunology & Molecular Genetics at the University of California at Los Angeles. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are enrolled in Life Sciences. Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The primary purpose of the study is to provide undergraduate students with a database on which they could understand research design. The study will cognitively assess undergraduate students through computerized measures in order to create a research database.

PROCEDURES

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to do the following: In one of the Life Sciences 2 labs, you will have the option to perform a variety of computerized measures that involves cognition.

If you wish to participate, you will only complete one of the computerized tests. Each test takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. In addition, you will fill out a computerized questionnaire at the beginning of the test. You will have the right to not answer any of the questions that you may choose not to answer. This questionnaire will also take approximately 15 minutes to complete. No identifiable information will be asked of you.

Your responses will be sent automatically and electronically to an aggregated database. Your specific scores will not be available to you or anyone. This will provide you and others with the opportunity to conduct research and generate hypothesis.

While you are conducting research hypothesis, we will only provide you with demographic information about a subgroup if that group is larger than 50. This assure your and other’s anonymity. In addition, it will assist in conducting good research design with an adequate group size.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

I understand that the study described above may involve the following risks and/or discomforts: I may get a bit tired or anxious, but I will be encouraged to make breaks to rest should I so desire; however, there are no known physical risks.
POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO SUBJECTS AND/OR TO SOCIETY

There may be specific benefits which will accrue to you as a result of participation in this study, including knowledge about how research is conducted at all phases of the design. Additionally, this study will provide you and others with the opportunity to conduct research with an available database. The possible benefits to humanity include better ways of evaluating individuals cognitively.

PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

You will not receive monetary compensation for participation in this study.

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. Confidentiality will be maintained by means of sending your responses automatically and electronically to an aggregated database. No identifiable information will be asked of you (e.g., names, date of birth, identification numbers). Additionally, no untrained individuals will have direct access to the database.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not required to participate in the assessment portion of the study in order to use the database for your lab assignment.

IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact: Gaston Pfluegl, Ph.D., who can be reached at (310) 794-4113 and/or Gaston@lsic.ucla.edu; Director of the Life Sciences Core Education Laboratories, UCLA, 2305 Life Sciences Building, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1606 and/or Beth Lazazzera Ph.D., who can be reached at (310) 794-4804 and/or BethL@microbio.ucla.edu; 4610B Mol Sci Bldg, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1489.

RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal rights because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, or you have concerns or suggestions and you want to talk to someone other than the researchers, you may contact the UCLA OHRPP by phone: (310) 206-2040; by email: participants@research.ucla.edu or by mail: Box 951406, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1406.

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