

Informed Consent Form: Working Together

You are invited to participate in a study in which the understanding of how teams develop and how information within teams is acquired and shared. The investigators are students working under the supervision of Dr. Sandra Carpenter in the Psychology Department of The University of Alabama in Huntsville. We want to recruit 300 participants for this study. Please note that if you are agreeing to participate in this study, you are also agreeing to **attend both sessions**. Please be advised that if you are under the age of 19, parental consent is required.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE STUDY: Once you have given written consent, you will be required to attend two sequential sessions that involve you working with other participants as a team to reach a desired goal. Participants will then converse with team mates to discuss ways of optimizing production. Participants will then return for the following sessions and implement ideas. Participants will be asked to complete some questionnaires at the end of the study. Participants will then be debriefed and released.

DISCOMFORTS AND RISKS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY: There are no major physical risks associated with this study. Participants will be engaging with other participants in a team setting, so very minor psychological discomfort may arise.

EXPECTED BENEFITS: Personal benefit includes 6 research credits if you are a student enrolled in introductory level psychology courses at UAH. All research credits will be distributed once the entire project has been completed. Therefore, you must remain in the study the entire time to receive research credits. The benefit to science is an understanding as to how and why different factors influence team development as well as an understanding of the accumulation and sharing of information within teams.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESULTS: Data for your session will be recorded as a participant number; therefore results are strictly confidential. This consent form will be destroyed after 12 months. The data from your sessions will only be released to those researchers who are directly involved in the study.

FREEDOM TO WITHDRAW: You can withdraw your consent and stop participating in the project at any time. Withdrawal will not penalize your credits, but neither would you gain credit. Investigators reserve the right to terminate subject's participation without regard to subject's consent.

If you agree to participate in our project, please sign and date below. By signing your consent, you are also agreeing to **attend both sessions of the study!** If you are under 19 years of age, you must have a signature of a parent/guardian. For information about participants' rights, please contact Dr. Sandra Carpenter 256-824-2319 or the University of Alabama in Huntsville Institutional Review Board (IRB) Office, at (256) 824-6100 or by email at IRB@uah.edu.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if less than 19 years of age)

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Expires August 5, 2014