



RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

Title of Research: Variations in attention across groups

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Background: You are invited to take part in a research study called “Variations in attention across groups”. This study is led by YanFei Song (graduate student), Mel Ouelette (undergraduate student), Larissa Predy (trained psychologist), and Dr. Dana Hayward, in the Department of Psychology, University of Alberta.

Purpose of the research: The purpose of this study is to examine how we process and attend to visual stimuli and how this may vary across groups.

Study procedures: In today’s session, you will be interviewed by our trained researcher (L. Predy) regarding your borderline personality disorder diagnosis. They are standard questions used when looking at people with borderline personality disorder and thus may be familiar to you already. Please answer them as accurately as you can to the best of your ability. Contingent upon successful completion of this session, we will invite you to take part in session 2 of our study.

Compensation: 1 course credit

Time Commitment: 1 hour

Confidentiality: *All of your results will be kept confidential.*

Your rights: Your participation is entirely voluntary and you can choose to decline to answer any question and to withdraw from the project at any point without penalty of any form. If you choose not to participate or withdraw after you have begun but would still like to earn credit, your data will be discarded, and you may complete the alternate educational activity for 1 credit (2%). The alternate activity requires you to read a research article and answer a number of questions about it. The time it takes to complete this activity will not take any longer than the allocated time for this study.

No other person or organization will have access to your personal information as the data will be coded and stored in such a way to make it impossible to identify individual participants.

If you decide after this appointment that you do not want your responses to be included in the study, you may contact the researchers within 30 days of your testing session with your subject code to request that the data be removed from subsequent analyses, and you will still retain your credit.

All of your responses will be completely confidential, as your name and any identifying information will be stored separately so that it cannot be associated with your responses. Only



the researchers working on this project will have access to the provided information. The data will be stored on a password-protected computer in a locked lab for a minimum of five years, as suggested by University of Alberta guidelines. The information you provide may be presented at professional conferences or published in academic journals, however no identifying data will be used. In addition, the data from this study may be used in future research, however any future projects will be approved by the Research Ethics Board prior to analysis.

Benefits and Risks: While this research can potentially contribute to our understanding of attention, there is no direct benefit to the individual participant. You may feel physically, psychologically, and/or mentally tired during the study, however there will be numerous opportunities for breaks.

By participating in this experiment, you are given the opportunity to witness psychological research and scientific endeavor first-hand. Your participation will directly benefit and advance our understanding of human attention.

If you would like any additional information, feel free to contact Dr. Dana Hayward at dana.hayward@ualberta.ca. If you have any questions about research participation, contact our Research Participation Coordinator at (780) 492-5689, or rescred@ualberta.ca. The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have any questions about, or wish to clarify, your rights as a research participant, you can contact the Research Ethics Office at 780-492-2615.

Your clicking of the checkbox below serves to signify that you agree to participate in this study

Consent:

I have read the above information and I agree to participate in this study.