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Informed Consent to Participate in a Research Study

Evaluating the Classroom Experience of UNI 100 Facilitators

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Introduction

You are invited to be in a research study. Research studies are designed to gain scientific knowledge that may help other people in the future. You may or may not receive any benefit from being part of the study. Your participation is voluntary. Please take your time to make your decision, and ask your research investigator or research staff to explain any words or information that you do not understand.

Why Is This Study Being Done?

The purpose of this study is to individually interview approximately four Marshall University UNI 100 facilitators and anonymously survey all 57 facilitators for the purpose of assessing whether or not they believe the format of the UNI 100 experience was effective in providing a mentoring experience for the students in the class.

How Many People Will Take Part In The Study?

Approximately 57 facilitators will be asked to complete an anonymous survey. At least four personal interviews will be conducted with randomly selected facilitators who volunteered for an interview.

What Is Involved In This Research Study?

UNI 100 facilitators will be asked demographic information and information about the reasons they chose to volunteer to be a facilitator. They will also be asked questions about provided classroom materials, class attendance, student contact outside the classroom, etc. Notes will be transcribed but not recorded.

How Long Will You Be In The Study?

You will be in the study for about two months.

You can decide to stop participating at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study we encourage you to talk to the study investigator or study staff as soon as possible.

The study investigator may stop you from taking part in this study at any time if he/she believes it is in your best interest; if you do not follow the study rules; or if the study is stopped.

What Are The Risks Of The Study?

There are no known risks to those who take part in this study.

Are There Benefits To Taking Part In The Study?

If you agree to take part in this study, there may or may not be direct benefit to you. We hope the information learned from this study will benefit other people in the future. The benefits of participating in this study may be contributions to the improvement of the UNI 100 format in future years.

Subject's Initials _____

What About Confidentiality?

We will do our best to make sure that your personal information is kept confidential. However, we cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Federal law says we must keep your study records private. Nevertheless, under unforeseen and rare circumstances, we may be required by law to allow certain agencies to view your records. Those agencies would include the Marshall University IRB, Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the federal Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP). This is to make sure that we are protecting your rights and your safety. If we publish the information we learn from this study, you will not be identified by name or in any other way.

What Are The Costs Of Taking Part In This Study?

There are no costs to you for taking part in this study. All the study costs, including any study tests, supplies and procedures related directly to the study, will be paid for by the study.

Will You Be Paid For Participating?

You will receive no payment or other compensation for taking part in this study.

What Are Your Rights As A Research Study Participant?

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part or you may leave the study at any time. Refusing to participate or leaving the study will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. If you decide to stop participating in the study we encourage you to talk to the investigators or study staff first.

Whom Do You Call If You Have Questions Or Problems?

For questions about the study or in the event of a research-related injury, contact the study co-investigator, Sherri Stepp at 304-638-4985, or the principal investigator Dr. Nega Debela at 304-746-1942. You should also call the principal investigator or the co-investigator if you have a concern or complaint about the research.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, contact the Marshall University IRB#2 Chairman Dr. Stephen Cooper or ORI at (304) 696-4303. You may also call this number if:

- You have concerns or complaints about the research.
- The research staff cannot be reached.
- You want to talk to someone other than the research staff.

You will be given a signed and dated copy of this consent form.

SIGNATURES

You agree to take part in this study and confirm that you are 18 years of age or older. You have had a chance to ask questions about being in this study and have had those questions answered. By signing this consent form you are not giving up any legal rights to which you are entitled.

Subject Name (Printed) Subject Signature Date

Person Obtaining Consent (Printed) Person Obtaining Consent Signature Date

Subject's Initials _____