**Template:** ***Online Informed Consent***

***Please note:*** *If you are administering an online research survey (using Qualtrics, Prolific, etc), the informed consent should be your first survey “question”. If participants agree to participate, they will proceed to the survey questions.*

*When creating your eIRB application, you must create separate Word documents for the informed consent and for the research survey. Upload the survey portion on the Protocol Textboxes page in item 4.0, Measures. Upload the informed consent portion on the Informed Consent page in item 6.0 and/ or the Children page in item 5.0.*

You are invited to participate in a research study. Please read this consent agreement carefully before agreeing to take part.

**Purpose of the experiment:**

This study examines…

**What you will do in this study:**

Participation in this study involves…

**Time required:**

Your participation will take approximately \_\_ minutes.

**Risks:**

The risks from participating are not more than would be encountered in everyday life.

**Benefits:**

There is no direct benefit from your participation in this study; however, we hope the study will *[describe reasonably expected benefits to others, body of knowledge, etc.]*

**Confidentiality and Privacy:**

The study team will take the following precautions to protect your privacy and the confidentiality of your information. The data are SSL encrypted, the information is stored in a password-protected database, and IP addresses are not collected. These measures provide the very high level of security that is used by ﬁnancial institutions, and it is very unlikely that your data could be accessed by anyone. All responses are stored on Qualtrics online survey software and password protected computers authorized to be used only by individuals on this proposal. However, email and the Internet are not 100% secure. When completing the survey, please choose a location with adequate privacy and internet security. We also suggest that you clear the computer’s cache and browser history to protect your privacy after completing the survey.

*[Revise this language as needed to accurately describe the precautions taken for your study.]*

We may publish/present the results of this research. We may share your research data with other investigators without asking for your consent again. Any information we publish, present, or share will not contain information that could directly identify you.

**Participation and withdrawal:**

Your participation in this research is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate, please close your browser window. You may discontinue your participation at any time without penalty by closing your browser window. Any responses entered to that point will be deleted. *[When constructing your survey, you must ensure that this will occur.]*  You may also choose not to answer any question(s) you do not wish to answer for any reason. *[If applicable, include compensation language; describe the conditions under which compensation will be denied.]*

**Contact:**

If you have questions about this experiment, please contact …

If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, irb@wfu.edu. Please reference the study number, IRB000xxxxx, in your message.

**Agreement:**

We encourage you to print or save a copy of this page for future reference.

By continuing on to the next portion of this survey, you indicate that you are at least 18 years old and that you agree to participate in this research project. You will advance to the survey. If you do not wish to participate, please close your browser window.

*[Please adapt this language to fit your study. You can include the paragraph headings or not.]*