

Sample Consent Form: Exempt Research

Exploring the Opinions of Out-of-State College Students: Why SoCal?

My name is Kai Lee, and I am a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at San Diego State University (SDSU). This research study is funded by the San Diego State Research Foundation.

The purpose of the study is to explore the reasons why out-of-state freshmen students choose to attend colleges located in Southern California.

You are being asked to participate because you are at least 18 years old, and you are an out-of-state freshman attending a college or university in Southern California. You might want to participate in this study because you may find it interesting, or because you want to contribute to science and society. You might not want to participate in this study due to the time commitment or because you would rather not share your opinions about your experience.

You will be asked to take an anonymous online survey consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. The survey should take between 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete. The questions will ask you about your experience moving to Southern California, how you like living here, why you chose to attend your college, and what you think about your college so far.

You will not be asked to provide any identifying information, such as your name, email address, or phone number. Your survey responses will be anonymous. This means that the study team will not know who completed the survey. The survey responses will be stored in Google Drive. Your responses will not be used in future research or shared with other researchers.

There are minimal risks associated with completing this survey. There is the risk of a breach of privacy. We encourage you to take this online survey in a private setting, such as your room, or another quiet location. There may be some questions that make you feel uncomfortable. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You can stop being in the study altogether without any negative consequences. If you do not finish the survey, your responses will not be retained by the study team.

You may not benefit directly from the study, but you will be helping science and society.

Your participation in this study will not cost you anything. You will not be paid or compensated for participating in this study.

If you have further questions, contact: Kai Lee, klee@email.com, (619) 800-0000

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, to offer input, or to share concerns about the research contact the SDSU Human Research Protection Program at: irb@sdsu.edu or (619) 594-6622.

By advancing to the next page, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the information provided above and voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

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Study Title: *Exploring the Opinions of Out-of-State College Students: Why SoCal?*

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Risks involved, statement of voluntariness, retention of data in the event of withdrawal: There are **minimal risks** associated with completing this survey. **There is the risk of a breach of privacy.** We encourage you to take this online survey in a private setting, such as your room, or another quiet location. There may be some questions that make you feel uncomfortable. **You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer. Your participation in this study is voluntary.** You can stop being in the study altogether without any negative consequences. **If you do not finish the survey, your responses will not be retained by the study team.**

Benefits: **You may not benefit directly** from the study, but you will be helping science and society.

Cost of participation, compensation provided: Your participation in this study **will not cost you anything. You will not be paid or compensated** for participating in this study.

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Waiver of documentation granted - participant gives consent by advancing to the next page: By advancing to the next page, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the information provided above and voluntarily agree to participate in this study.