



Consent form

UBC Social Support Study

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This document is here so you know exactly what we are asking of you today, so you can make an informed decision about the survey you've been invited to complete. If you have any questions about what you're reading, the person who gave you this form will be able to help.

This step is one small part of a big research project. This is part of the intake process that helps us identify people who may be a good fit for the larger study we are conducting and who will benefit from being involved. The study is investigating how various supports can impact housing and the participants' well-being.

You will NEVER have to do anything you don't want to do as part of this project.

What we are asking you to do today:

We'd like to ask you some questions about challenges you might be dealing with related to your mental health, alcohol and other substance use, and gambling habits. The entire survey should take 30 minutes or less. Your answers will either be recorded on paper or on an electronic tablet. Your name will not be used.

We know that these issues affect all kinds of people. Saying one or more of these are challenges for you won't automatically disqualify you from proceeding.

Why you might want to participate::

- You will receive \$30 for answering these questions anonymously.
- You will find out if you're eligible to take part in the UBC Social Support Study.

What the UBC Social Support Study is:

Participants who are successfully enrolled in the study will receive a range of supports, including financial support for some. The supports participants receive will be decided by a coin flip. You may not benefit directly from this study.



We hope the results of this research will be reported in academic journals and elsewhere. We want the public, service providers, funders, and the people who make decisions about social policy to have accurate information about what kind of difference specific supports can make. Your participation will help guide community services and government policies on how best to support people experiencing homelessness.

Why you might not want to participate:

The questions you'll be asked are fairly personal. You might feel uncomfortable talking about things like your mental health or substance use with someone you don't know very well yet. If you do feel uncomfortable, you don't have to keep going. You can end the conversation at any time. As long as we haven't already submitted the form, we can erase the answers you've given. (You keep the \$30.)

If answering these questions brings up any really bad or long-lasting feelings, let your connector know, or contact Dr Zhao directly:

(604) 827-2203 or jiayingz@psych.ubc.ca.

Who is asking these questions, and why:

The person you're with right now is your community connector. They're here to support you and guide you and make sure you feel comfortable in your relationship to this project. They'll be the person asking you questions.



Your community connector was asked to help with a project called the UBC Social Support Study, administered by **Foundations for Social Change**, a local charity that works to address social issues. FSC raised the money to fund this study, along with MITACS, a non-profit research organization.



A team of researchers from **UBC** will be overseeing how FSC and the community connectors involved do their parts to make sure everything is done in a way that leads to accurate information. At the end of the study, they will analyze the information collected and interpret the results.



If you have any concerns or complaints about your rights as a research participant or your experiences while participating in this study, contact:

Research Participant Complaint Line - UBC Office of Research Ethics.

604-822-8598 or 1-877-822-8598 (toll free)

RSIL@ors.ubc.ca

About your privacy:

The information you provide will be kept confidential! Information that could reveal your identity will never be released or published without your consent.

Only the trusted research team at UBC and FSC will have access to the data. FSC will maintain co-ownership of the data after the completion of the study for record keeping and future internal program development.

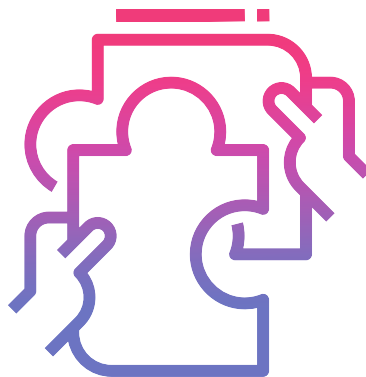
The answers you provide will be linked to a code--something like XYZ1234. Information like your name or anything else that could identify you will be stored separately from your answers.

Physical data will be kept in a locked filing cabinet inside locked offices at UBC or FSC. Electronic data will be encrypted and stored securely on UBC and FSC hard drives. Because our email providers are American companies, any email communications we send or receive will be stored on servers located in the USA and will be subject to US privacy laws.

In line with open scientific practice, anonymized data may also be shared on public online repositories, such as the Open Science Framework, or shared privately with other research teams. When we publish the aggregated results of the study, these results will not reveal who our participants were.

About your privacy:

Even if you do not join the larger study, the answers provided in this survey are important to help us understand things like, for example, whether certain populations were not represented in the results. The information you provide here may still be used as part of our research.



If you agree with what you've read here and would like to participate in this survey to find out if you are eligible to take part in the UBC Social Support Study, please sign below:

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Signature of participant

Name (printed)

Date

Signature of connector

Name (printed)

Date