

Participant Information Sheet

Investigating behaviour in decision-making tasks

You are invited to participate in a research study that is part of a student research project. Please remember that your participation is completely voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw at any point with no adverse consequences. Before you decide whether you would like to undergo the study, it is important that you take the time to read the following information. If you have any questions about anything that may seem unclear or if there is something you do not understand, do not hesitate to ask the researcher.

Who will conduct the research?

Melissa Barclay (Researcher), Nicola Cook (Researcher) and Dr Dermot Lynott (Supervisor), Department of Psychology, Lancaster University, LA1 4YF

Title of the research

Investigating behaviour in decision-making tasks

Aim of the Study

The aim of the study is to investigate various aspects of participants' decision-making behaviour across different types of tasks.

What will I take part in during the study?

During the study, you will be asked to complete four sets of different tasks on a computer. These tasks include short questionnaires and short puzzle tasks. The study should not last longer than 45 minutes, but timings will be finalised after pilot trials.

Is there any risk in taking part in this study?

Participating in this study does not pose any foreseeable risks.

What happens to the collected data?

Only anonymised data will be stored and data will be stored in a confidential manner and used purely for statistical analysis.

How is my confidentiality ensured?

All data will be completely anonymous, as you will be allocated a unique participation number. All data will be secured on a password-protected computer and will not be shared with anyone outside of the research team.

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

Your participation is completely voluntary. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to indicate your consent with a signature at the bottom of this form. If you do not wish to proceed with the study, you have the right to withdraw from the experiment at any time, without any reason or adverse consequences. At the end of the study, you also have the right to withdraw your data from the final analysis. However, this will not be possible once you have left the testing area due to the anonymisation of your data.

Will I be paid for participation in this research?

You will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 12 £10 Amazon vouchers

Where will the research be conducted?

The research will be conducted at Lancaster University.

Will the outcomes of the research be published?

The results of the study will be made available in limited release as part of a MSc dissertation. However, there is the possibility of seeking more widespread academic release with the work being written up as a journal article or presented at academic conferences.

Who has reviewed the research project?

The project has been reviewed by Lancaster University's Department of Psychology Ethics Committee and approved by Lancaster University's Research Ethics Committee.

Contacts for further information

If you wish to find out more about this study, please contact the principal investigators – Melissa Barclay (m.barclay1@lancaster.ac.uk) or Nicola Cook (n.cook1@lancaster.ac.uk). Alternatively, you can contact the project supervisor, Dr Dermot Lynott (d.lynott@lancaster.ac.uk).

If there are any concerns or complaints regarding this research project that you would like to discuss. Then please contact the Head of the Psychology Department, Professor Kate Cain, Department of Psychology, Lancaster University, Lancaster, United Kingdom, LA1 4YF. Tel: +44 (0)1524 593990. Email: psychology.hod@lancaster.ac.uk.

Participant Consent

- I confirm that I have been given and have read and understand the participant information sheet. This included full contact details for the researchers and the head of Psychology Department.
- I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary, that any information I provide will be treated confidentially and that I have the right to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.
- I agree that my data collected will be used as anonymous data in future reports by the researchers, unless I choose to withdraw.
- I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I may have.
- I understand that I may withdraw from the study at any time, without giving a reason and with no adverse consequences.
- I agree to take part in the research and this is of my own free will.

If you are happy to participate in this study, please select 'I give consent' below to indicate that you give consent to the above statements and then click on the Next button.