



## **Participant Information Sheet – General (Extended)**

**Project Title:** Attitudes and perceptions of WSU staff and students to artificial intelligence

**Project Summary:**

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by the Early/Mid Career Research committee for Parramatta campus, namely:

[Ray Archee, Levi Osuagwu, Walid Bakry, Felicity Picken, Edward Anyasodor, Myra Gurney, Vincent Tay, Mauricio Nova-Munoz, Peter Denyer-Simmons, Thilla Rajaretnam, Diane Dickenson, and Chong Han]

and, Cameron McAuliffe.

The research is aimed at discovering your attitudes and perceptions to artificial intelligence.

**How is the study being paid for?** No funding is involved.

**What will I be asked to do?**

You will be asked to participate in an online Qualtrics survey. It is not expected that all participants will be able to answer all the questions. Participants should ignore any questions that they have no experience with or have no attitudes towards.

**How much of my time will I need to give?**

The survey will take 10-15 mins of your time.

**What benefits will I, and/or the broader community, receive for participating?**

The main benefit will be producing knowledge of both staff and students' current attitudes and perceptions of AI. This knowledge will inform the future choice of university AI tools and facilitate training of staff, development of policies and improvement of all parts of the organisation including teaching and learning.

No remuneration is being offered for your participation.

**Will the study involve any risk or discomfort for me? If so, what will be done to rectify it?**

No risks or discomforts are envisaged for participants.

**How do you intend to publish or disseminate the results?**

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that the participant cannot be identified, except with your permission. It will not be possible to identify your survey responses. Your anonymity is guaranteed.

**Will the data and information that I have provided be disposed of?**

Please be assured that only the researchers will have access to the raw data you provide. However, your data may be used in other related projects for an extended period of time. Data is usually stored

for 5 years, then destroyed. For example, we might wish to use the data for another similar study next year, or another study from another school may wish to compare results with ours.

### **Can I withdraw from the study?**

Participation is entirely voluntary and you are not obliged to be involved. If you do participate you can withdraw at any time without giving reason. However, pressing the Submit button on the survey will mean your data will be submitted and anonymised.

If you do choose to withdraw, any information that you have supplied will be deleted, but your data cannot be identified once you submit the survey.

### **Can I tell other people about the study?**

Yes, you can tell other people about the study by providing them with the Chief Investigator's contact details. They can contact the Chief Investigator to discuss their participation in the research project and obtain a copy of this information sheet.

### **What if I require further information?**

Please contact Ray Arcee ([r.arcee@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:r.arcee@westernsydney.edu.au)) should you wish to discuss the research further before deciding whether or not to participate.

### **Privacy Notice**

Western Sydney University staff and students conduct research that may require the collection of personal and/or health information from research participants.

The University's Privacy Policy and Privacy Management Plan set out how the University collects, holds, uses and discloses personal or health information. Further details about the use and disclosure of this information can be found on the [Privacy at Western Sydney webpage](#).

### **What if I have a complaint?**

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may contact the Ethics Committee through Research Engagement, Development and Innovation (REDI) on Tel +61 2 4736 0229 or email [humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au).

Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to view the Participant Consent Form. The Information sheet is for you to keep and the Consent Form will be placed on the Qualtrics survey with pressing Submit replacing your signature.

This study has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The Approval number is H14843, Subproject H14843.