

Georgia Institute of Technology National Survey of Student Engagement

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Protocol and Consent Title: 2017 National Survey of Student Engagement

You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study.

Purpose:

The purpose of this study is to learn more about the student experiences at Georgia Tech.

Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria:

All First-year Freshmen and Seniors are being asked to participate.

Procedures:

You are being asked to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), a research study about your activities and what you feel you are gaining from your college experiences overall. Your taking the 15 minutes or so required to complete the survey will help us a great deal in providing improved educational opportunities for you and for future Tech students. You may choose to skip any items on this survey that you are uncomfortable with or do not wish to answer.

Risks or Discomforts:

The risks involved are no greater than those involved in using a computer.

Benefits:

You are not likely to benefit directly from this study. The NSSE results will be used to compare institutional progress on those factors important to student success, as compared to previous years. These results may shape future policies and programs related to undergraduate education and experience.

Compensation to You:

While we appreciate your involvement very much you will not be paid for your participation, nor are there any costs to you to participate except for your time. However, if you complete and submit the survey prior to midnight on April 30th you will be automatically entered to win an iPad Air 2 (128Gb), or one of ten gift certificates worth \$25 each. Participation is not required to enter the drawing. If you choose not to participate, but would like to enter the drawing, you may sign up here: <https://surveys.assessment.gatech.edu/nsse-drawing>

Confidentiality:

Please be assured that your answers are confidential. To protect your privacy, your records will be kept under a code number rather than by name. The data collected about you will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. Any and all data provided will be maintained under strict security by the Indiana University Bloomington Center for Survey Research and by the Georgia Tech Office of Assessment. Only the study staff will be allowed to look at these files. Your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when results of this study are presented or published. No report will contain any analyses or tables that would allow identification of an individual student response. National reports prepared by NSSE present only highly-aggregated results from all the participating institutions. Individual student responses are not identifiable when study results are presented.



While participation is voluntary, your response would be greatly appreciated. Please be assured that your participation or non-participation will not affect your status at Georgia Tech.

While this survey will be run from a 'secure' https server typical of those used to handle credit card transactions, there is a small possibility that responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties such as computer hackers. In general, the web page software will log as header lines the IP address of the machine you use to access this page, e.g., 102.403.506.807, but otherwise no other information will be stored unless you explicitly enter it.

To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB may review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look over study records during required reviews.

Costs to You:

There are no costs to you, other than your time, for being in this study.

In Case of Injury/Harm:

If you are injured as a result of being in this study, please contact Joseph Ludlum, Ph.D., at telephone (404) 385-1292, or joe.ludlum@gatech.edu. Neither the Principal Investigator nor Georgia Institute of Technology has made provision for payment of costs associated with any injury resulting from participation in this study.

Participant Rights:

- Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
- You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
- Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
- You may print out a copy of this consent form to keep. You do not waive any of your legal rights by participating in this research survey.

Questions about the Study:

For more information about the survey, email the Center for Postsecondary Research at nse@indiana.edu or call 812-856-5824. For information about the project on this campus or our interest in using the results, please contact Dr. Joseph Ludlum at 404-385-1292 or joe.ludlum@gatech.edu for answers.

Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact

Ms. Kelly Winn, Georgia Institute of Technology
Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 385-2175.

By completing the online survey, you indicate your consent to be in the study.

