

INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT RESEARCH

Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP)

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You are invited to participate in a survey, focus group, or interview. The survey is to learn about the educational experiences and career decisions of students who participate in MSIPP related activities. You will be asked to respond to a brief survey about your educational experiences and career plans or share your thoughts in a focus group or interview.

The Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program is a National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) funded program that recruits students at all levels and engages them in various STEM disciplines important to our global workforce.

The purpose of the survey, focus group, or interview is to determine the extent to which your consortium's activities have had an impact on broadening the pool of candidates interested in STEM disciplines and careers. Surveys will take 7 to 10 minutes and focus group interviews typically take 30 to 45 minutes.

If you choose to take part in this research, you will be asked to do the following:

- ❖ Take part in a survey as part of MSIPP program related to the internships, camps, or research experiences in which you have participated.
- ❖ Give approval for specific personal identifying information to be shared as part of the research to create a profile of participants to be presented in aggregate and not as an individual.
- ❖ Give approval for your responses to the surveys, focus groups, and interviews to be used in the researchers' final report and other researchers' future reports, publications, and presentations.

There are no known risks with these surveys, focus groups, or interviews. There is no direct benefit but that the evaluation of the MSIPP program will determine how the activities implemented by the consortium members are helping to meet the goal of creating a pipeline of future candidates for Department of Energy's Nuclear Security Enterprise, other government agencies, and the industry of STEM related fields. You can decide not to participate in any data-collection activity, at any time, and still participate in the MSIPP program. Participation is completely voluntary.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Dr. Gwen Lee-Thomas, External Evaluator, Quality Measures LLC at 757-410-9812 or email at gleethomas@qualitymeasuresllc.com.

Confidentiality: Every effort will be made to protect the data and to limit the use and disclosure of your personal information, including research study and (if applicable) medical records, to the research team and others who have a need to review this information. Other organizations that may access information from this study include the IRB and the National Nuclear Security Administration leadership team of the MSIPP program in the Department of Energy. Your information collected as part of this research, even if identifiers are removed, will not be used or distributed for future research studies.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (the Central Department of Energy Institutional Review Board or "CDOEIRB"). The CDOEIRB is a group of people who review research to make sure it is in line with the rules for human research studies. You may talk to them at (865) 574-4359 or CDOEIRB@oraui.org if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your child's rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.
- Or for any reason you wish to talk to the CDOEIRB.

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CONSENT STATEMENT

Please initial next to each of the option below to participate in this research for the duration of the project from **October 2020 through October 2025.**

Optional Release of Personal Identifying Information: I acknowledge that for the duration of the project, I have the option to release or not release *personal identifying information* (PII) to Quality Measures, the External Evaluator. Quality Measures will commit to employing best practices in keeping my information safe and secure and will not release my information in any way that can identify me as an individual in reports, publications, or presentations without my permission. I understand that my PII for this research, when released to the evaluator, will include my name, email, citizenship, advisor, and GPA. If I do not consent to this information being released, I will be assigned a MSIPP Assessment Code.

Please initial one of the following:

_____ I **give** permission to share my PII as an individual which includes my email, race/ethnicity, gender, citizenship, advisor, and GPA with my name

_____ I **do not give** permission to share my information as an individual and request a MSIPP Assessment Code with my race/ethnicity, gender, citizenship, advisor, and GPA

I _____ agree to be in this research. I may choose not to participate at any time for any reason or for no reason. My involvement in this research has been clearly explained to me. I have had the chance to ask questions about the study and have had time to decide to participate. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I know I am free to ask further questions about the study at any time. I know what I am supposed to do in the survey, focus group, or interview.

Printed Name _____

Signature

Date