



COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
at the HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT UCLA

2016 DIVERSE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS SURVEY INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

You are asked to complete this survey as part of a national study conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at the University of California, Los Angeles. The purpose of the project is to examine the degree to which institutions integrate diversity in their environments to achieve key student learning outcomes. In order to achieve this goal, the experiences of students are the primary focus. The data gathered are used in studies designed to better understand student learning and development and to help improve the quality of college education.

PROCEDURES

To participate in this study, please complete the attached survey and submit it via the Internet. Most respondents complete this questionnaire in about 35 minutes, although individual progress will vary by how quickly you move through the questions.

You may decide not to complete the survey for any reason at any time without consequence of any kind. The Higher Education Research Institute does not offer payment for participation. Your participation and return of the questionnaire indicate your consent to participate in the study. We ask for your name and address so that the researchers at UCLA can contact you at some later date for a follow-up study.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO SUBJECTS AND/OR SOCIETY

You may have the opportunity to reflect on your prior academic experiences and your expectations for college as you complete the survey, which may enhance self-understanding. Your responses to the survey also will be directly beneficial to your college or university, and may benefit future generations of college students as well.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

There could be survey items of a sensitive nature that you are uncomfortable answering or to which you would simply prefer not to respond. Your participation in this study is strictly voluntary, and you will be under no obligation whatsoever to answer any questions that you are not inclined to answer. You may choose not to answer any specific questions you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Please note that your responses will be used for research purposes only and will be strictly confidential. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential. Your identified responses will be returned to your institution for institutional assessment purposes. Before receiving any responses your school is required to certify in advance that the data will only be used for research purposes and will not be used to investigate individuals. Names and addresses will not be returned to your institution, however student ID numbers will be included in the final data file to allow your institution to merge responses with other campus data.

IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please contact the Director of CIRP, Dr. Kevin Eagan at this address:

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RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program at 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 211, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694, (310) 825-7122.