

Association of American Universities

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Leveraging the AAU Undergraduate STEM Education Initiative to understand and advance the institutionalization of STEM teaching & learning reforms

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH STUDY

The National Science Foundation is sponsoring the Leveraging the AAU Undergraduate STEM Education Initiative to understand and advance the institutionalization of STEM teaching & learning reforms project. This project aims to examine the institutional landscape in which innovations to undergraduate STEM education take place. We are also interested in learning how universities can successfully coordinate multiple undergraduate STEM education reforms to achieve sustainable change on our campuses.

PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT

You are being asked to participate in an interview pertaining to your involvement with STEM reform for a research study. This interview is anticipated to take approximately 60 minutes to complete. There are no known risks associated with participation in this research study. You will not directly benefit from your participation in this study. However, your participation in this study may contribute to the understanding of how universities coordinate and align multiple education reforms efforts to achieve long-lasting improvement to undergraduate STEM education. Participation in this study is voluntary and you indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by completing this interview.

CONFIDENTIALITY

To the maximum extent allowable by law your confidentiality will be protected and your answers will be kept confidential. Identifying data will be made anonymous, and your identity as a participant will remain confidential at all times during and after the study. For example, we will report results by generic administrative and faculty positions to reduce the likelihood of attributing any responses to particular individuals. We will also aggregate responses on individual campuses and in cross-site analyses to further reduce the possibility of identifying individual respondents.

The members of the research team, the funding agency, and the Michigan State University Human Research Protection Program (MSU HRPP) may access the data. The MSU HRPP reviews and monitors research studies to protect the rights and welfare of research subjects.

INVESTIGATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury (i.e. physical, psychological, social, financial, or otherwise), please contact the researchers at

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If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study. You may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at 408 W. Circle Drive, Room 207 Olds Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824.