**MTurk Survey Consent Template (REMOVE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING TO IRB):**

**Blue text** in brackets is information that may need to be entered to reflect your project and IRB requirements.

**[Title of Project]**

**Consent to Participate in Research**

**Purpose of the research:** [PI name], from the [Department of department name or organization name] is conducting a research project on [brief description of topic]. By conducting this research, we hope to learn [briefly describe the purpose of the project]. You are being asked to participate because [inclusion/exclusion criteria or how participant was identified]. This consent form contains important information about this project and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your decision whether or not to participate.

\***If your consent is more than 4 pages, include the bulleted Key Information list below** in a concise and focused matter that would assist a prospective participant to understand the research and choose to participate. [This presentation of information is to be short. Please summarize information explained later in greater detail. It is **NOT** necessary to repeat information provided in the summary. Address each bullet point.]

\***Key information for you to consider:**

* Description of Project:
* Requirements for Research (e.g. what will they need to do)
* Risks and Benefits
* Alternatives to participating, if appropriate
* Time Commitment of the Participant Participation in this project will take a total of [# of hours] over a period of [include the number of times the participant will be involved in research activities, how long each activity or session will take, etc.]

**Procedures:** Your participation will involve [explain procedures here; if survey provide examples of questions].

**Time Involvement:** Your participation will take approximately [insert duration].

**Risks & Benefits:** The risks associated with this study are[describe foreseeable risks, if none other than loss of time, please state]. Collection of data and survey responses using the internet involves the same risks that a person would encounter in everyday use of the internet, such as fatigue or breach of confidentiality. While the researchers have taken every reasonable step to protect your confidentiality, there is always the possibility of interception or hacking of the data by third parties that is not under the control of the research team. There will be no costs for participating.The benefits to participation include[describe direct benefits, if none please state]. The findings from this project will provide information on [explain generalized benefits to society].

**Privacy & Confidentiality of your Information:** Researchers will have access to your MTurk worker ID which may be able to link to your personal information on your Amazon public profile page, depending on your settings you have on your Amazon profile. Amazon will have access to your MTurk ID and personal information (social security number, IP address, bank account information, etc.) and would be able to link it to your survey responses if the survey is created using MTurk internal software. MTurk worker IDs will not be shared with anyone outside the study team and will be used solely for the purposes of distributing compensation and will not be stored with your (survey responses/data). We will not be accessing any personally identifying information about you that you may have put on your Amazon public profile page. Worker IDs will be removed from the dataset (describe when). Data will be retained on the Amazon (and Qualtrics if applicable) servers for (length of time) and will be deleted by the research staff after this time. However, data may exist on backups or server logs beyond the timeframe of this research project. Data transferred from the survey site will be saved on a password protected computer for (length of time data will be retained). Any reports and presentations about the findings from this study will not include your name or any other information that could identify you.

**Use of your information for future research:** \*If this research study collects identifiable private information, include one of the two following statements. If identifiers are not collected, this future research section may be omitted.

Identifiers will be removed from information collected from you for this project. After identifiers are removed, the information may be used for future research studies or shared with other researchers without additional informed consent from you.

OR

Private identifiable information collected as part of the research, even if identifiers are removed, will not be used or distributed for future research studies.

#### Payment: You will receive [Describe payment amount(s) here. If the study has multiple parts and there is a separate payment for each part, describe the total amount of payment if someone completes the entire study and also the payment for each part of the study and information regarding HIT approval; if payment is per task completed please indicate OR indicate if they will not be paid. Compensation is considered taxable income. Amounts of $600 or more will be reported by University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).]

**Right to Withdraw from the Research:** Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You have the right to choose not to participate or to withdraw your participation at any time without loss of any service, benefits, or rights you would normally be entitled to. Your decision will not change any present or future relationship with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh or Amazon. [Add the following for student volunteers: As a student, if you decide not to take part in this study, your choice will have no effect on your academic status or class grade(s). If applicable, discuss the process for participants to withdraw once the project has begun, including how participants can request their data not be used for research. If you are using an audio or video tape, please state that the participant’s tape will be destroyed should they decide to withdraw. Also, include any circumstance in which the researcher would withdraw a participant (e.g. noncompliance with research procedures).]

**Questions about Research Study**:

The person in charge of this study [Principal Investigator of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Department of insert]. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding this study or you want to withdraw from the study please use the following contact information is: [Principal Investigator contact information email/phone]

**Independent Contact for Reporting Concerns about Research:**

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about your rights as a volunteer in this research, contact staff in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Institutional Review Board Office (IRB) at 920-424-3215 or [IRB@uwosh.edu](mailto:IRB@uwosh.edu).

**Consent:**

Your participation in this research is voluntary.By entering the survey and clicking “I Agree”, you are indicating that you have read the consent form, you are age 18 or older, and that you voluntarily agree to participate in this online research study. Please make sure that you have read and agree to Amazon’s Mechanical Turk [Participant Agreement](https://www.mturk.com/participation-agreement) and [Privacy Notice](https://www.mturk.com/privacy-notice) as these may impact the disclosure and use of your personal information.