**SONA-1 PARTICIPANTS** Approval No 2708

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT**

Visual perception and learning to pay attention: Test and retest

**Participant Selection and Purpose of Study**

You are invited to participate in a study of visual perception and attention. We hope to learn how differences in visual perception influence how you learn to pay attention to different stimuli. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you registered for research participation in this study via SONA.

**Description of Study and Risks**

If you decide to participate, in each session you will complete two computer-based tasks measuring visual perception and attention, in which you are asked to respond to pictures and shapes that appear on the screen as rapidly and accurately as you can. In the first session you will also complete a test of your memory. In the second session you will complete an assessment which asks you questions about your use of alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs, your cognitive style, and your personality.

In total, each session will take 75-90 minutes.

No risks are reasonably expected as a result of your participation in this study. We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.

**Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or except as required by law. If you give us your permission by signing this document, we plan to publish the results in academic journals. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

**Recompense to participants**

You will receive 1.5 credits for completing each session (3 credits total).

You will also earn money for your performance in the task; this bonus is typically between $7 and $12 per session (so $14-$24 in total). You will receive this money at the end of the second session.

**Your consent**

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with The University of New South Wales. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

**Inquiries**

If you have any questions or concerns following your participation, Andy Wood (+61 403 518 173) or Dr. Mike Le Pelley (9385 1294) will be happy to address them.Complaints may be directed to UNSW’s Research Ethics & Compliance Support, phone: 9385 4235 or 9385 4958, email: humanethics@unsw.edu.au.

Please keep this information sheet and one copy of the Participant Consent Form. The investigator will keep the other signed copy. Both copies should be signed by you and the investigator.