

Eye Movements and Cognitive Processing in Real-World Scenes

Letter of Information

PLEASE NOTE: To print a copy of this letter of information so that you may refer back to it throughout the survey, please select 'print' in your browser window now. You may also request a digital copy by emailing qvcl_general@gmail.com.

Background

You are invited to participate in a research project conducted by the Queen's Visual Cognition Laboratory. The goal of this project is to learn more about how people understand people, objects and places. This study has been granted clearance according to the recommended principles of Canadian ethics guidelines, and Queen's policies.

What is involved?

If you decide to take part, you will be asked to rate a series of pictures/videos. You will be shown the picture on screen and ask to rate them on a scale of 1-7. Participation will take approximately 5-10 minutes.

Will I be compensated?

If you decide to take part, you will be compensated at a rate of .02 to .10 cents per judgement (e.g., rating or categorization of a picture). The amount awarded will depend on how many judgements you are asked to do at a given time and can vary from 40 to 100.

Will the information be kept confidential?

All questionnaires you complete will be anonymous. Any identifying information you choose to provide will be removed from any final reports. As such, your individual responses will not be identifiable.

What are the risks?

There are no foreseen risks to participating in this research.

Are there any benefits?

We cannot guarantee that you will receive any personal benefit from participating in this study. However, we expect that the results will improve our understanding of visual perception and memory. Findings from this study will contribute to a growing body of knowledge on cognitive and neurocognitive understanding of our minds.

What are my rights as a participant in this study?

Your participation is completely voluntary. You may discontinue your participation from the study at any time or chose to not answer any questions by either: a) closing the browser window or b) leaving blank any questions that you do not wish to answer. You are also free to refuse to answer any question without need of any explanation on your part.

Who should I contact if I would like to request a summary of results or have questions?

If you would like to request a summary of results or if you have any questions about your participation in this project at any time, please contact the QVCL research team at qvcl_general@gmail.com. Any ethical concerns about the study may be directed to the Chair of the General Research Ethics Board at chair.GREB@queensu.ca or 1-844-535-2988.

By clicking “yes” I consent to the information listed above and understand what is required for participation in the study. I understand that I will complete a series of questions online. I also understand that the research associates are available by e-mail should I have any questions or require further information about any aspect of the study. I understand that my participation in the study is completely voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time. I understand that to withdraw from the study, I may close the browser or leave the answers for the remaining questions blank. I also understand that my confidentiality will be protected throughout the study, and that the information I provide will be available only to researchers with relevant scholarly interests.

I have read the above statements and freely consent to participate in this research:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No