

Consent Form for Research Participation

Study Number:

Study Title: Developing Technology for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing at UChicago.

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This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Your participation is voluntary.

Purpose: We are conducting research with the intent of developing technology to support people who are deaf and hard of hearing at the University of Chicago. Our goal is to learn how people who are deaf and hard of hearing navigate the University of Chicago and Hyde Park and what strategies they have for navigating spaces at the University of Chicago and in Hyde Park. We believe that by using this research to develop relevant and useful technology, we can improve the safety and comfort of people who are deaf and hard of hearing and promote diversity and inclusion at the University of Chicago.

Procedures and Time Required: "You will be asked to participate in one 45-minute interviews in-person or over video call. With your permission, the interviews will be video-recorded. You may withdraw from the interview at any time."

Risks and Benefits: As applicable. If no direct risks, indicate, "Your participation in this study does not involve any risks to you beyond those of everyday life. Taking part in this research may not benefit you personally, but we may learn new things that could help others."

Confidentiality: Video and audio recordings of videos will under no circumstances be shared beyond the three primary project researchers. Data from interview transcriptions may be included directly in reports and shared for future research, but any use of identifiers including names, addresses, or other personal information will be redacted in the transcription process. If you decide to withdraw from this study early, we will ask permission to use data collected up to the point of withdrawal in analysis.

Contacts & Questions:

If you have questions or concerns about the study, you can contact the researchers at mercedeswn@uchicago.edu or (267) 818-0420.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, feel you have been harmed, or wish to discuss other study-related concerns with someone who is not part of the research team, you can contact the University of Chicago Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB): phone (773) 702-2915, email sbs-irb@uchicago.edu.

Consent:

Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate or withdrawing from the research will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you might otherwise be entitled. You will be provided a copy of this form. By signing below, you agree to participate in the research.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Name (printed)

Date**Optional Elements:**

Yes

No

The researchers may retain your contact information in order to contact you in the future to see whether you are interested in participating in other research studies.