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**INFORMATION LETTER**  
**for a Research Study entitled**  
***“Linking Online Interview/chat Response Scripts to Self-reported Personality Scores”***

**You are invited to participate in a research study** to study the relationship between online interview/chat responses and self-reported personality scores. The study is being conducted by Dr. Jinyan Fan, an Associate Professor at the Department of Psychology of Auburn University. You were selected as a potential participant because you are currently enrolled as an Auburn undergraduate student and are 18 years of age or older.

**What will be involved if you participate?** Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this research study you will be asked to complete an online survey (approximately 1 hour), and then chat with an online chat/interview chatbot (approximately 45 minutes). The online chat/interview is text-based, not audio- or video-based. Your total time commitment will be approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. You will receive 2 hours of research-hour credit.

**Are there any risks or discomforts?** There is no discomfort in this research. The only risk in this study is potential breach of confidentiality. To reduce this risk, we will only associate your data with your auburn email address until the two portions of the data are combined which will take approximately one week. At this point, all identifying information will be deleted. Additionally, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time.

**Are there any benefits to yourself or others?** If you participate in this study, you will receive no direct benefits.

**Will you receive compensation for participating?** For your participation you will receive 2.5 hours of psychology research participation credit.

**Any data obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential.** We will protect your privacy and the data you provide by keeping your responses completely confidential; no names or IP addresses will be collected during this study. Information obtained through your participation may be published in professional journals and presented at professional meetings. With any presentations or publications, none of your identifiable information will be included. Only aggregated data will be presented.

**If you have questions about this study,** please contact Jinyan Fan at [jzf0007@auburn.edu](mailto:jzf0007@auburn.edu)

**If you have questions about your rights as a research participant**, you may contact the Auburn University Office of Research Compliance or the Institutional Review Board by phone (334) 844-5966 or e-mail at [IRBadmin@auburn.edu](mailto:IRBadmin@auburn.edu) or [IRBChair@auburn.edu](mailto:IRBChair@auburn.edu).

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CLICK ON “I AGREE” BELOW AND CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE. YOU MAY PRINT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO KEEP.

I have read the information letter, and have decided to participate in this study.

☐ Yes      ☐ No

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