

APPLICATION SUMMARY FOR APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESEARCH

1. ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

ETHICS ID:	1953838.1		
TITLE:	Preferences and Decision-making under Risk and Uncertainty		
APPLICATION TYPE:	Minimal Risk	RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHER:	Perfors, A/PROF Amy Amy
RESPONSIBLE HEAG:	Psychological Sciences	HESC:	Psychology Health and Applied Sciences
ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT:	5120 - Melbourne School Of Psychological Sciences	ADMINISTERING CENTRE: (if applicable)	

2. MINIMAL RISK CHECKLIST REVIEW

The responses to the Minimal Risk Checklist are summarised below.

Risk Assessment Topics	None identified
Risk Assessment Procedures	None identified
Risks to Researchers	None identified
Vulnerability Assessment	None identified
Overseas Research	None identified

3. PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT TYPE:	Supervised Student Research Project -		
RESEARCH INVOLVES:	Locations other than/in addition to Uni of Melbourne Funded Research (internal or external funding)		
BRIEF DESCRIPTION:	A considerable literature has shown that people, when given two options of identical utility, prefer the option which entails risk (i.e. a mathematical specification of probability such as 'there is a 50% it will rain tomorrow') over the option which entails uncertainty (i.e. an unmeasurable lack of certainty such 'there is an unknown probability that it will rain tomorrow'): a phenomenon known as Ambiguity Aversion. A vast majority of the work in relation to this effect has utilised experimental paradigms based on contrived economic bets and games and so it remains unknown to exactly what extent this effect exists 'outside of the lab'. The present study seeks to answer this question by presenting participants with vignettes of everyday, qualitative situations under uncertainty and risk and examining their preferences and decision-making.		
PROPOSED DURATION OF WHOLE RESEARCH PROJECT:	From: FEB-2019	To: FEB-2020	
PROPOSED DATE TO COMMENCE DATA COLLECTION:	04-Mar-2019		

4. PERSON DETAILS

Responsible Researcher

Name	Perfors, A/Prof Amy	Department	5120 - Melbourne School Of Psychological Sciences
Person Type	Staff	Centre	
Phone Number	03 9035 6032/Alt:+613 9035 6032	Email Address	amy.perfors@unimelb.edu.au
Qualifications	Bachelors Degree (Honours), Stanford University PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Masters (Coursework & Research), Stanford University		
Experience & Skills Relevant to the Project	This project is well within the skills and competencies of A/Prof Perfors who has run studies with similar methodology (i.e. online experiments and surveys) over numerous years.		
Additional Training Required			
Ethics Training Already Undertaken			

Student Researcher

Name	White, Joshua Paul	Department	5120 - Melbourne School Of Psychological Sciences
Person Type	Student	Centre	
Phone Number	9594 6666	Email Address	Not Available from the Student System/Alt:joshuapw@student.unimelb.edu.au
Qualifications	Academic Qualifications: LLB (UQ), BCom (UQ), LLM (Washington University in St. Louis), Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (College of Law), Graduate Diploma in Psychology (University of Melbourne).		
Experience & Skills Relevant to the Project	Experience carrying out research similar to this during research project for Advanced Psychological Theory & Practice (PSYC40013) in 2018. Supervision by A/Prof perfors to ensure quality and efficacy of research.		
Additional Training Required			
Ethics Training Already Undertaken			
Student Supervisor(if applicable)	A/Prof Amy Perfors		

5. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

5.1 Sponsored Projects

Source of Funding: External

External Sponsors Identified: Yes

Sponsors: AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

Participants Informed of Funding Source: Yes - Participants will be told the following information in the Plain language statement before the experiment is underway: "Funding is provided by ARC Discovery Project grant DP150103280."

5.2 Location of Research

Location Where Research Will Be Carried Out: Overseas

Be Carried Out:

Category of External Location: Other - Research will be undertaken online using Amazon's Mechanical Turk, which provides a platform for finding workers (mostly American) to carry out online tasks that require human intervention, in exchange for payment.

5.3 Other Approvals Required (other than ethics clearances)

Approvals Required: Not required

5.4 Other Ethic Clearances/Details of Multicentre Research

Other Clearances Required: Not required

Responsible HREC:

Comments:

6. ATTACHMENTS

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Category	Description	Attached Via Themis	Hard Copy Only
Application		Yes	No
Consent Form		Yes	No
Debriefing Statement		Yes	No
Plain Language Statement		Yes	No