

## Elite Interviews Official IRB# 2060800-1

We are conducting a research study to learn what industry vertical domains face the highest risks from emerging technology, what ethical challenges are most common across domains, and what possible policy solutions may be available to reduce emerging technology's ethical and societal risk.

If you volunteer to be in this study, you will be asked to participate in elite interviews about the forementioned topic of emerging technology ethical risks and policy solutions. Your participation in this research will provide elite opinions on emerging technology risks and recommendations of policy solutions to policymakers. Your interviews will be recorded as audio files during Zoom calls in order to create transcripts to be used for qualitative content analysis. These transcripts will be scrubbed to remove all sensitive personal information and any other information participants want removed prior to their use in academic publications. Only transcripts will be released as part of the academic research, all sensitive personal information will not be released and will be protected with to the utmost privacy and security standards.

Your participation in this study will take roughly one hour maximum of your time.

This study is considered to be minimal risk of harm. This means the risks of your participation in the research are similar in type or intensity to what you encounter during your daily activities. You should experience no negative consequences for participating in this study. All sensitive personal information data will be kept confidential and further information revealed by mistake during the elite interviews can be removed at the request of the participants. All data will be stored in a secure and confidential manner as per of University of Nevada guidelines (<https://www.unr.edu/research-integrity/human-research/human-research-protection-policy-manual/410-maintaining-data-confidentiality>)

Benefits of doing research are not definite, i.e. this research does not present any direct benefits to interview participants. However, this research provides an opportunity for participants to provide their direct expert opinion on topics related to technology policy and potential policy solutions to technology related problems. The hope is that policy makers will be able to use the results of this research and expert opinions as guiding material for the creation of new policy.

The researchers and the University of Nevada, Reno will treat your identity and the information collected about you with professional standards of confidentiality and protect it to the extent allowed by law. You will not be personally identified in any reports or publications that may result from this study. The US Department of Health and Human Services, the University of Nevada, Reno Research Integrity Office, and the Institutional Review Board may look at your study records. The researchers and/or their families have no monetary interests tied to this study.

You may ask questions of the researcher at any time by contacting Samuel Smith at [sams@nevada.unr.edu](mailto:sams@nevada.unr.edu) or 916-470-3118. You may discuss a problem or complaint or ask about your rights as a research participant by calling the University of Nevada, Reno Research Integrity Office at (775) 327-2368. You may also use the online *Contact the Research Integrity Office* form available from the [Contact Us page](#) of the University's Research Integrity Office website.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may stop at any time. Declining to participate or stopping your participation will not have any negative effects on you.

You may ask about your rights as a research participant. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about this research, you may report them (anonymously if you so choose) by calling the University of Nevada, Reno Research Integrity Office at 775.327.2368.

Thank you for your participation in this study!