



Thank you for your consideration of participating in our research. The purpose of this study is to understand experts' opinions about emerging technology, such as Artificial Intelligence and Web3. Experts like you!

You will respond to a series of questions designed to facilitate this end. There are no right or wrong answers. However, we ask that you participate and respond in an honest and conscientious way. The risk to you being involved is minimal. Your responses are completely confidential, and your name will not be connected with any survey in any manner. The results of this study may be published in scientific research journals or presented at professional conferences. However, any Protected Personally Identifiable Information (PII) associated with your responses will remain strictly confidential (scrubbed) as well as any other information you the interviewee wishes to have removed. Research records will be stored securely following Institutional Review Board (IRB) standards and only the authorized researchers will have access to these original un-scrubbed records. There are no direct benefits to you for participating, but you will be contributing to our knowledge of an important research topic. You may withdraw from this study at any time. This interview is part of a research project being conducted at the University of Nevada, Reno. If you have any questions about this study, please contact sams@nevada.unr.edu. You may print a copy of this consent document for your records.

Areas of Disclaimer:

INFORMED CONSENT

Researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno are asking you to participate in a research study. The purpose of this information form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether or not to be in the study. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When all your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this research. This process is called 'informed consent.' We can email a copy of this statement to keep.

All information confidentially and IRB procedures will be followed based on University of Nevada guidelines (<https://www.unr.edu/research-integrity/human-research/human-research-protection-policy-manual/410-maintaining-data-confidentiality>).

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

This proposed study will explore the interdisciplinary field of emerging technology by confirming what industry vertical domains face the highest risks, what ethical challenges are most common across domains, and what possible policy solutions may be available to reduce emerging technology's ethical and societal risks via elite interviews and associated content analysis. In doing this we would like to better understand your opinion regarding emerging technology and the associated ethical risks.

The proposed research will provide qualitative empirical content analysis, recommends policy results, and synthesizes elite expert opinion on a variety of emerging technology problems and solutions for policymakers.



PROCEDURES

If you choose to be in these studies, we will ask you to evaluate emerging technology from your expertise. Lastly, we will ask that you provide some basic demographic and pre-screen information. In total, this will take between 45 minutes to 1 hour. The most personal questions asked will include inquiries about your gender and age. You do not have to answer any question that makes you uncomfortable.

RISKS, STRESS, OR DISCOMFORT

This is a confidential interview. None of the data that we collect will be traced to you personally. We have addressed concerns for your privacy in the section below.

BENEFITS OF THE STUDY

You may not immediately benefit from taking part in this research. We hope the results of our study help us and the research and policy community at large understand more about emerging technology.

OTHER INFORMATION

You do not have to participate. If you decide to take part in the study, you may quit at any time. Whatever you decide will not affect you in any adverse way. If you wish to quit, skip or not answer any question, simply withdraw from the interview. For any questions about data protections for this study please refer to the IRB procedures and University of Nevada, Reno guidelines at <https://www.unr.edu/research-integrity/human-research/human-research-protection-policy-manual/410-maintaining-data-confidentiality>.

If you have questions later about the research, or if you are not satisfied with the way this study is performed, you can contact the research team at sams@nevada.unr.edu, anonymously if you choose. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject or if you think you have been harmed by participating in this study, you can call the Research Integrity at (775) 327-2368 or send UNR an email at <https://www.unr.edu/research-integrity/contact>.