



Dear Participant:

Thank you very much for your interest in our "DIVERSE FACES DATASET COLLECTION". Please take your time to read the following text carefully. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them at [info.diverseimagedataset@tuebingen.mpg.de](mailto:info.diverseimagedataset@tuebingen.mpg.de). You can then declare that you are aware of this information and that you are willing to participate in the study through your signatures below.

**Our Project:** DIVERSE FACES DATASET COLLECTION is a research project of the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems. In this project, we want to collect a diverse facial image dataset to help artificial intelligence technologies to be more accurate for minority demographic groups. This project is an effort towards making artificial intelligence fairer and more inclusive for all people.

**Description of the Technologies and Methods Applied:** The facial images are collected through participants who upload their photos to our website, a diverse faces dataset. You should use a camera connected to your device.

**Participation:** Study participants should be at least 18 years old and be able to read and understand text in English. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary.

**Data Handling:** All data will be stored anonymously and scientifically evaluated in accordance with the data protection laws (EU General Data Protection Regulation, Federal Data Protection Act). The data for our project includes facial images and demographic information such as age, gender, and race. Contact data such as name and e-mail address are stored separately and will only be used to follow-up with the participants. Contact data will be deleted after the termination of the project.

All data will be secured in accordance with current standards and in confidentiality in a data warehouse belonging to the Max Planck Society. The data will be stored for at least 10 years and will be provided for reasons of good scientific practice established by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the rules of the Max Planck Society. This enables other scientists to verify the accuracy of the results obtained and to advance the fairness and inclusion of artificial intelligence technologies. Data can be distributed to investigators within the jurisdiction of the European data protection regulations and to researchers outside the European Economic Area including countries with a lower data protection level. This implies that there are no equivalent data protection regulations in these countries comparable to the European law and there are no guarantees your rights will be protected to a level corresponding to the level of data protection within the European Economic Area. This may imply that you cannot exercise your rights or can only do so to a limited extent.

**Risks and Benefits:** There are no special risks associated with participation in this study. The collection of this dataset is of high societal benefit aiming to make artificial intelligence technologies fairer and more inclusive.