

School of Psychology



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM**

Learning about Actions, Cues and Outcomes  
Dr. Philip Jean-Richard-dit-Bressel, Dr. Jessica Lee

**1. What is the research study about?**

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to investigate how we learn about relationships between actions, cues and outcomes. You have been invited because you responded to a SONA advertisement. Your contact details were obtained from SONA.

**2. Who is conducting this research?**

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Philip Jean-Richard-dit-Bressel, Jessica Lee, Peter Lovibond, and Gavan McNally, School of Psychology.

**Research Funder:** This research is being funded by the Australian Research Council.

**3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria**

Before you decide to participate in this research study, you should meet the following criteria:

- Be fluent in English

**4. Do I have to take part in this research study?**

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Confirm your consent by signing and returning the consent form;
- Take a copy of this form with you to keep.

**5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?**

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete a computer task, where you will play a trading game and answer questions about the game. You might also be asked to answer some questions about your mental attributes.

There are no risks involved in this study.

**6. Total participation time**

In total, participation in this study will require 30 minutes. This will include reading this Information Sheet, providing informed consent, participating in the experiment, and debriefing.

**7. Recompense to participants**

You will receive .5 credits as recompense for your participation. Top performers with accurate answers will also receive a gift card prize.

**8. What are the possible benefits to participation?**

We cannot promise that you will receive any benefits from this study, but we hope to use the findings from this study to learn more about the theoretical processes underlying learning and behaviour.

**9. What will happen to information about me?**

The information that you give us will be kept for 5 years after the project's completion. We will store information about you in a non-identifiable format electronically on a secure university server. Any hard-copies of forms and questionnaires will be stored in a secure room on campus.

Your information will only be used for analysis and public dissemination in the form of scientific presentations and/or publication in an academic journal. Information collected for this research project may be made available to other researchers in de-identified form only.

**10. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research study in a variety of ways. All information published will be done in a way that will not identify you. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by adding your email onto the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

**11. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?**

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You do not have to give any reason for withdrawing. However, please let the researcher know by either completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document or by telling the researchers by voice or electronically.

Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney. If you decide to withdraw from the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. Any identifiable information about you will be withdrawn from the research project.

**12. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?**

If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

**Research Team Contact Details**

<b>Name</b>	Philip Jean-Richard-dit-Bressel
<b>Position</b>	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
<b>Telephone</b>	+614 1581 6420
<b>Email</b>	p.jean-richardditbressel@unsw.edu.au

**13. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?**

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

**Complaints Contact**

<b>Position</b>	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
<b>Telephone</b>	+ 61 2 9385 6222
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a>
<b>HC Reference Number</b>	HC3385

## Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

### Declaration by the participant

- ☐ I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- ☐ I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
- ☐ I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study;
- ☐ I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- ☐ I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- ☐ I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- ☐ I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep;

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### Declaration by Researcher\*

- ☐ I have given a verbal explanation of the research study, its study activities and risks and I believe that the participant has understood that explanation.

### Researcher Signature\*

Name of Researcher (please print)	
Signature of Researcher	
Date	

**\*An appropriately qualified member of the research team must provide the explanation of, and information concerning the research study.**

**Note: All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.**

## Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales. In withdrawing my consent I would like any information which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.

### Participant Signature

Name of Participant  (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

### The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

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