

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM
Rapid Target Search

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to investigate factors that influence how people process rapidly presented targets. You have been invited because you are a student taking introductory psychology at UNSW and because you completed pre-screening questionnaires at the start of the year.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Steven Most and Karen Coad, UNSW School of Psychology.

Research Funder: This research is not being funded by any outside agency.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

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

- You are a UNSW student enrolled in an introductory psychology course.
- You have normal, or corrected to normal, vision.

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 (See Item 11).

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

If you decide to take part in the research study, you will be asked to view rapid streams of images, which will mostly be landscape or architectural images. In each stream of images there will be one image rotated 90 degrees and your aim will be to identify whether this image was rotated left or right. Image streams may also include images of people or animals. All images will be presented rapidly at a rate of 10 per second, and you will have opportunity to view the people and animal images for a longer duration at the end of the experiment. At the completion of the study you will be asked to answer questions related to your experience during the experiment and about your emotional state.

We do not expect this research to cause any harm. However, you may skip any or all written or verbal questions if you wish. Please let the researchers know if you need any assistance for any reason.

6. Total participation time

In total, participation in this study will require approximately 30 minutes online.

7. Recompense to participants

You will receive 0.5 SONA credits as recompense for your participation.

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 build on previous research exploring how different groups of people process visual information.

9. What will happen to information about me?

The information that you give us will be kept indefinitely after the project's completion. We will store information about you in a non-identifiable format on a password-protected server at UNSW's School of Psychology.

Researchers at UNSW are requested to store their aggregated research data in the UNSW data repository, this is a system called ResData. Once the aggregated data are deposited into this repository, they will be retained in this system permanently, but in a format where your data will not be individually identifiable. The aggregated, de-identified data may also be posted on a public repository that enables researchers from different labs to verify each other's analyses.

Your information will be used for an Honours thesis. The data may also be reported at professional conferences and in journal articles. In all cases data will be de-identified and reported in aggregate form.

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

The research team intend to publish and/or 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 contacting the lead investigator, Associate Professor Steven Most at s.most@unsw.edu.au.

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

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the browser window. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

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 that may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

Chief Investigator	Steven Most
Position	Associate Professor
Telephone	+61 2 9385 3827
Email	s.most@unsw.edu.au
Student Investigator	Karen Coad
Email	k.coad@student.unsw.edu.au

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

Position	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HREAP-3761

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 been given contact details of the researchers to enable me to ask questions about my participation;
- ☐ 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 agree, start questionnaire