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## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

**Project Title:** SOFTENG701 Coursework

**Name of researcher:** Dr. Kelly Blincoe

### **Researcher Introduction**

Dr. Kelly Blincoe is a Senior Lecturer of Software Engineering in the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering at the University of Auckland.

### **Project description and invitation**

You are invited to participate in this research because you are a student in SOFTENG 701. The main purpose of this research is to understand the perceptions of software engineering students on current software engineering related issues. These perceptions will be discussed in class. Results of the questionnaire will be shared in class so students can learn about the perceptions of other students on critical issues they will encounter in the software engineering workforce. Your participation is voluntary, and you may decline this invitation to participate. 'If you do not participate in the research, you will still be able to participate in the class discussions and you can still complete the questionnaires, if you wish, but your data will not be used in the research study.'

### **Project Procedures**

You will be asked to fill in a questionnaire in the SOFTENG 701 lectures about your experiences of working on software engineering projects and your opinions of software engineering topics. You will likely spend less than 1 hour on questionnaire for this research. The questionnaire will be made available during week 1 and will be available for two weeks. Neither your grades nor your academic relationships with the department or members of staff will be affected by either refusal or agreement to participate. This assurance is made by both the research team and the Head of Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering. If you agree for your data to be used as part of the research study, you should complete the consent form.

### **Data storage/retention/destruction/future use**

The researchers will collect data through the online questionnaire. This data will be backed up and stored on the University of Auckland server indefinitely. Hard-copy consent forms will be stored in a locked cabinet in Dr. Blincoe's office. After six years, the consent forms will be disposed of in secure disposal bins.

### **Right to Withdraw from Participation**

Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to participate, you do not have to give a reason for this, simply do not sign a consent form. You may still participate in the questionnaires and in class discussions if you wish, but your data will not be used in the research study. You may also withdraw from the

research at any time without giving a reason during the 12-week course period. If you withdraw, the information you have contributed up to that point will not be included in any publications.

### **Anonymity and Confidentiality**

The preservation of confidentiality is paramount. The information you provide may be published in an academic conference and/or journal. This publication(s) will not identify you as its source. Your contact details will not be given to any third-parties. UPI will be collected in the questionnaire so that only those who have agreed to be part of the research will be included in the analysis of data for the research. Please contact Dr. Kelly Blincoe, [k.blincoe@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:k.blincoe@auckland.ac.nz), if you wish to receive a summary of the research findings.

### **Contact Details and Approval**

You can contact the researchers or the Head of Department if you require any additional details or have any concerns about this research.

Investigator name and contact details	Head of Department name and contact details
Dr. Kelly Blincoe Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering <a href="mailto:k.blincoe@auckland.ac.nz">k.blincoe@auckland.ac.nz</a> 09 923 4715	Prof. Kevin Sowerby Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering <a href="mailto:kw.sowerby@auckland.ac.nz">kw.sowerby@auckland.ac.nz</a> 09 923 8191

For any queries regarding ethical concerns you may contact the Chair, The University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee, The University of Auckland, Research Office, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142. Telephone 09-373-7599 ext. 83711. Email: [ro-ethics@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ro-ethics@auckland.ac.nz).

Approved by the University Of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on 19 Jun 2019 for 3 years.  
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