

School of Psychology



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

Learning about causal relationships

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study explores how people learn about causal relationships from experience. You have been invited because you signed up for this study via the SONA system, and your contact details were obtained from the SONA-1 system.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Julie Chow and Prof Peter Lovibond, School of Psychology.

3. 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).

4. 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-based task where you will be asked to make predictions about stimuli presented on screen. At the end of the experiment, we will ask you to provide judgements about these stimuli.

We don't 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.

5. Total participation time

In total, participation in this study will require a maximum of 30 minutes.

6. Recompense to participants

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

7. 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 increase our understanding of how people form accurate causal beliefs and the factors that might impair their ability to do so.

8. 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 electronic format on a secure university server. Information collected for this research project may be made available to other research projects in de-identified form only.

9. 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 address at the appropriate screen in the experiment. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

10. 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 email or a phone call.

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.

11. 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

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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

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