



## LETTER OF INFORMATION

Dear Participant

Thank you for agreeing to be a participant in my research study!

The title of the research study is: "A systemic model informing the provision of technology enhanced learning in higher education in South Africa". What I am trying to do is to find out the reasons and thinking behind decision making related to the choice of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) systems that may include Learning Management Systems (LMSs) such as Blackboard or Moodle.

I, Pregalathan Reddy, am the main researcher in this project, and Professor Dee Pratt is my supervisor.

The research involves conducting a usability study about two types of simulations related to decision making about TEL systems. The mode used to carry out the evaluation is unmoderated remote usability testing.

The research procedure will be as follows. You will be asked to consent to participating in this usability study. Microsoft Forms will be used to collect your responses to questions related to the simulations that are being evaluated. You will not spend more than ten minutes to answer the questions.

There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts for you or others participating in this project.

You may in fact benefit by gaining a richer understanding of technologies that are available that support TEL. Based on this project, I hope to produce journal articles and conference papers, in which you may be invited to co-author. I also hope the model developed as part of this research will be useful to you or your institution for decision making for future deployment.

There will be no adverse consequences for you should you choose to withdraw, which is entirely up to you.

While you will not receive any monetary or other types of remuneration for taking part in the project, you will not be expected to cover any of the costs of the project.

The information that will be collected from you and other participants, will not be shared. Pseudonyms (false names) will be used in all written documents to protect your identity. Computer files will be password-protected, and the files will be deleted after I have completed the project, written up the results, and published journal articles (approximately two years).

In the event of any problems or queries, the person to contact is my supervisor, Prof Dee Pratt, on 031 373 6003, or myself, on 031 373 6754. You could also contact the Institutional Research Ethics Administrator, on 031 373 2900. Any complaints can be reported to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Engagement, Professor Sibusiso Moyo, on 031 373 2576 or [moyos@dut.ac.za](mailto:moyos@dut.ac.za).

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PReddy', is written above the printed name.

Pregalathan Reddy

Date: 06 November 2022