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**School of Computing
RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR ETHICAL REVIEW OF A
RESEARCH PROJECT INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS
WHICH IS IN THE CATEGORY OF NOTIFICATION ONLY**

There are 3 generally accepted levels of ethical review for projects carried out in a University or similar setting. These are notification only, expedited and full committee.

This notification only level of review is to approve relatively low-risk research involving human participants, primarily using social science methodologies in which any personal information collected is not of a sensitive nature. The School of Computing Research Ethics Committee has been delegated responsibility by the University to approve ethics submissions from undergraduate and taught Masters projects only, which are in the category of notification only.

Examples of projects in this category include:

- Anonymous surveys in which the topic itself is not likely to elicit significant difficulties for the participants, such as: anonymous internet surveys (e.g. Survey Monkey), street questioning.
- Observation (without audio or visual recording) of public settings where privacy would not normally be expected, such as observing people on streets or at sports events.
- Research carrying no risks beyond those of everyday life (as experienced by the intended participant population), such as asking people's opinions about products or services; asking students about educational experiences; monitoring the impact of daily activities.
- Interviews with public figures, professionals or others in their professional capacity regarding their professional activities.
- Analysis of data (e.g. health records) which have had all identifying information removed by the data holder and been provided to the researcher in accordance with data protection legislation.
- Collection of biological samples which are anonymised and do not require invasive techniques (e.g. hair, nails).

If your project is using data from a public repository like Kaggle or is not generating or using any form of personal data then you do not need research ethics approval, you do not need to complete and to submit this form and your project supervisor should indicate this on the project dashboard.

If your project involves collecting or processing [personal data which is of a personal nature](#), you must first complete the DCU online Data Protection training course and review the ["Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers"](#) guidance from the Data Protection Unit to assist you in meeting your legal obligations under GDPR and associated Irish law.

Once you have completed this form (if you need to) you should save it as a PDF file, not WORD, and upload it to the your project dashboard before you start gathering data. It will then be read and assessed by two members of the committee and once two members of the committee approve your submission you will be automatically notified by email and your project can start data gathering.

There are strict deadlines for submitting this form for each class group, undergraduate and taught Masters by which your submission must be made and you will be informed of these deadlines by your course board chair or project co-ordinator. If you do not submit by these deadlines then the research ethics committee is not obliged to approve your submission and when that happens and your project is assessed and graded at the end of the year, you will be awarded 0 for that component of your project.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL DETAILS**1.1 Project Title**

ScholarHomes

1.2 Applicant Details

Name	Student or Supervisor	E-mail
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Mark Humphry	Supervisor	Mark.Humphrys@dcu.ie

Other Investigators: *Including any external to DCU*

Name	School/Unit/External Institution	E-mail
Silvana	DCU	Silvana.MacMahon@dcu.ie

1.3 Key Project Dates

Proposed start date for data collection	Proposed end date for data collection	Proposed project completion date
23/10/2023	31/10/2023	13/4/2024

1.4 Please indicate which academic award

Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> X	Taught Masters <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.5 Please confirm the location(s) where the research will be carried out

If research will be carried out abroad, you will need to address the ethical challenges raised by this in Section 3 of your application - consult the Conducting Research Abroad document in the Ethics Resources and Guidelines section of the [DCU Research Ethics webpage](#)).

Ballymun Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, IE D09 W6Y4

1.6 Please state what additional permissions may be required to access participants.

Specify from whom the permission is required (e.g. a school Board of Management), and when their written approval will be obtained

N/A

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

Research Overview - Please respect the indicated word counts in the following sections and explain all acronyms in full text the first time they appear.

2.1 Provide a brief description of the research (max 250 words):

Please use lay language, include the scientific/theoretical background of study and a justification as to why this research project should proceed in that context

This research will prove pivotal in shaping the application we develop for our final year project. We require the feedback of our participants in order to realise what issues they face. Without their input, we may develop an application that our target demographic may not even want. Our Research will require us to interview both property owners and students who have experience with student accommodation. Our questions will be tailored to provide us with insight into the experiences these participants faced during the student accommodation process.

2.2 Please state the aims and objectives of the project (max 200 words)

This project aims to create a digital portal that helps property owners and students connect with one another so that they can organise accommodation.

The main objectives are, to increase the accessibility of accommodation for students, to elevate the level of security of both students and landlords and to give parties more control over where they are staying or who will be staying with them.

We also aim to provide features on our application that give landlords and students the opportunity to interact with one another before committing to a long-term engagement with one another.

2.3 Please confirm your methods of data collection:

Tick all relevant check boxes and provide details for each one, including any devices used to collect data, and whether the data will be anonymous, potentially identifiable or identifiable at point of collection

Method	Describe briefly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews or focus groups	Informal interviews that aim to have participants open up about their honest experience with student accommodation. Information they provide will remain confidential and anonymous.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveys/questionnaires	If we are unable to have a physical interaction with a participant, we will create a google survey that the participant will fill out. As stated previously, information they provide will remain confidential and anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/video recordings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public observations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons in public office	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using existing data (incl.	

secondary data)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using human derived material (biological samples)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard tests (educational/personality etc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard educational practices	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	

2.4 Please confirm who the participants on this study will be, including group size and composition:

Include associated demographic characteristics, and state how your proposed sample size was determined (e.g. power analysis)

International students studying in Dublin. These students are spread out throughout the different colleges around Ireland but are mainly concentrated in Dublin. This are estimated to be over 25,000 international students in Ireland by the higher education authority per year (hea.ie).

Property owners in Dublin who may be interested in renting rooms to students. These properties are scattered throughout Dublin, being more concentrated in the city centre.

There are estimated to be over 900,000 property owners in Dublin in 2020 according to the Central Statistics Office (CSO).

2.5 Please outline your recruitment process, including where you are sourcing participants from and your criteria for inclusion/exclusion:

Where gatekeepers are involved, outline the procedures relating to their involvement

We intend to reach out to students through societies and clubs we are affiliated with. We can also reach out to students we are personally acquainted with who meet our requirements. We are including students who have experience living in student accommodation I.e. students living outside of Dublin and are living in Dublin for college and international students. Students who do not have experience living in student accommodation are excluded.

We intend to reach out to organisations and social media groups that focus on helping students find accommodation. We can also reach out to personal acquaintances who have accommodated students before. We are including property owners that have experience renting a room to students in the past I.e. an Irish family renting a spare room to a college student and Aspen. If the property owner has no experience providing accommodation for students, they are excluded.

2.6 Addressing participant vulnerability – if your participants fall into any of the following categories, please check the relevant tick box/boxes and state below what special arrangements will be made to protect them:

If your participants are not in any of these categories, tick N/A

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 18 years of age
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons in unequal relationships with the researcher (e.g. lecturer-student, therapist-client, employer-employee)

<input type="checkbox"/> People with a recognised or diagnosed intellectual, physical or mental impairment
<input type="checkbox"/> People confined to institutions (<i>e.g. prisoners, residents in 24 hr nursing facilities</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> People who have undergone traumatic or adverse emotional events
<input type="checkbox"/> People with diminished cognitive ability
<input type="checkbox"/> Marginalised sections of society
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Special arrangements: The participant groups we aim to interview do not fall into the following categories

2.7 Involvement of children under 18 years of age – if your participants are in this category, please confirm compliance with the following:

If your participants are not in this category, tick N/A

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have read and agree to act in accordance with the DCU Child Protection policy and procedures (<i>as per the DCU Child Protection Unit webpage</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have put in place safeguards for the children participating in the research
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have supports in place for children who may disclose current or historical abuse (whether or not this is the focus of the research)
<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm that all requirements will be met prior to commencing the research (<i>e.g. TUSLA Children First Training completed, Garda Vetting in place</i>)

2.8 Please confirm how the results of the research will be disseminated:

Include a statement on whether the participants will be provided with any information as to the findings or outcomes of the project

The results of these interviews will be used to improve building our digital student-accommodation application ScholarHomes. As such, we do not deem it necessary to disclose these findings to the participants who participated in our surveys. Upon completion of the data collection stage, we will email each participant and thank them for their contribution to the project.
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SECTION 3 – ETHICAL ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

3.1 Please identify all issues including ethical issues which may arise in the course of this research. What are the potential risks to participants, and how will those risks be addressed or minimised?

Potential risks can be physical, psychological, social, legal, etc. Please include details of any additional support being provided for participants during/after the study

Participants may feel uncomfortable when conducting interviews. In order to prevent this, we plan on having informal interview in a calm environment in order to ensure the participant is at ease. We will also be sure to ask open ended questions that allow participants to tell us as much or as little about their experiences as they please.

3.2 Please identify the potential benefits (direct and/or indirect) to those participating in this research:

Potential benefits should outweigh the potential risks to participants

By participating in this research, they are contributing to building an application that aims to expand the market of student accommodation available. This is beneficial for students seeking accommodation, and potentially the participant in the future.

3.3 Please describe what measures/protocols you have put in place in the event that there are any unexpected outcomes or adverse effects to participants arising from involvement in the research:

During the interview process we intend to have a break for participants to use the rest room or get something to eat. If the participant shows discomfort or any concerns arose during the interview, the interview will conclude, and the participant will be notified.

3.4 Do you intend to provide payment or incentives to participants?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, please consult the REC Guidelines on the Use of Compensation and Incentives (in the Ethics Resources and Guidelines section of the [DCU Research Ethics webpage](#)) before providing additional details below

N/A

3.5 Does this research raise any potential risks for the researchers themselves?

Please consider the location/environment where the research is being conducted, exposure to distressing data content etc.

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, please describe further and explain what risk management procedures will be put in place to minimise these risks to researchers:

N/A

3.6 Does this research raise any potential conflict of interest?

Please consider any potential real or perceived conflicts of interest that might influence the integrity of the research, or give rise to bias in conducting and reporting the research, or affecting publication (consult the [DCU Conflict of Interest Policy](#) for assistance)

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> X	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, please identify and explain the steps being taken to address that conflict:

As we are students, we may hold an inherent bias while researching this topic, to address this we intend to survey students from colleges other than DCU to broaden our perspective of the issue as much as possible.

3.7 Please describe how the conduct of the research will be monitored:

Regular oversight by the PI is required to ensure the project conforms to the procedures set out in this application (especially where several people are involved in carrying out the research procedures)

We will ensure that all relevant documents have been processed before conducting any interview or survey. We will also ensure that participants we are interviewing are not vulnerable before conducting any interview. We will adhere to only asking the questions we have previously received approval for (contained in our survey-questions.pdf)

We will have a checklist to go through each of these steps to ensure that they are followed throughout the process of each interview.

SECTION 4 – CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA MANAGEMENT

4.1 Considering your previous response in section 2.3 of the form on data collection, please confirm whether you are collecting or processing personal data in this research project:

Personal data is any information about a living person, where that person is either identified, or could be identified from the data itself, or when it is combined with other data. This includes paper based, electronic and biological samples data. If your data is fully and completely anonymous, it is not personal data.

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, please confirm your compliance with the following by ticking the checkboxes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have completed the DCU Data Protection training module on Loop.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We confirm that we have read the “Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers” guidance on the DCU Data Protection Unit (DPU) website and agree to protect and manage our data in accordance with same.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We have assessed the degree of risk inherent in the personal data being used in the research project, and confirm that all DPU GDPR requirements have been met prior to submitting this application (e.g. completion of Data Protection questionnaire, confirmation that any survey tool being used is GDPR compliant, that required Data Processing or Sharing Agreements will be in place, etc.)

4.2 Data access – please confirm whether access to participant data is confined to the investigators named on this application:

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If No, please name who the other individuals are and why they need access. Any proposed transfer of data (including outside of the EU) should be detailed here.

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4.3 Data storage – please confirm compliance with the following:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data collected on mobile devices will be protected with a strong password/passphrase at a minimum, and/or encrypted if the device supports it
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data will be removed from mobile devices as soon as is practicable and stored in a secured location in DCU (on server or institutional Google Drive)
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper based data will be held securely in locked cabinets in DCU, with access restricted to the named researchers
<u>Specific arrangements in relation to biological samples should be stated here:</u>
<u>Any exemptions to the above compliance statements should be justified here:</u>
Our application does not require any paper based data.

4.4 Please confirm who will be responsible for the secure storage of data generated by the research:*Name the relevant DCU investigator/s*

Jomi Kafi Ryan Shannon

4.5 Please confirm how long the data will be held for:*For personal data, consult section 15: Retention of Personal Data in the [“Data Protection – Key Points for DCU Researchers”](#) guidance on the DCU Data Protection Unit (DPU) website*

We will be holding the data for approximately 8 to 9 months

4.6 Please confirm what will happen to the data collected at the end of the study:*Please tick the relevant checkbox and complete the associated follow-up section for that category*

Archived <input type="checkbox"/>	Destroyed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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4.6.1 Archived data*Please provide the following details:*

Name the DCU staff member responsible for archival and future use of data	
Confirm whether the data will be made available to other researchers, and if so, how?	
Confirm <u>how</u> the data will be prepared for archive (e.g. will datasets be anonymised)	
Confirm <u>where</u> the data will be archived and who will be allowed to access it	

4.6.2 Destroyed data*Please provide the following details – Note: for student projects, the supervisor must take responsibility for data destruction if there is no guarantee the student will have access to the data at the time of destruction*

Please justify why the data will be destroyed	Malware, viruses, or software bugs can lead to data corruption or loss. In some cases, a corrupted operating system can make data inaccessible. Unauthorized access and data breaches can lead to data destruction, either as a result of malicious intent or as a security measure to prevent further breaches.
Name the DCU researcher responsible for destruction of data	Mark Humphry
Confirm when the data will be destroyed (specify date)	01/06/2024
Confirm compliance with the following destruction methods (tick relevant boxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic data will be overwritten/securely deleted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper based data will be confidentially shredded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical samples will be disposed in accordance with the relevant DCU approved SOP

4.6.2 Other - Please explain what will happen to the data if not being archived or destroyed:

N/A the data will be destroyed after the 8 to 9 months is up.

SECTION 5 – PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURES

In addition to completing this form you are required to attach, within the single PDF that you submit, a copy of (1) the Participation Information Sheet which you share with your participants and (2) a copy of the Informed Consent Form which your participants sign.

5.1 Please confirm that the following items have been addressed in your Participant Information Sheet which should be shared with all participants whether it involves online or in-person data gathering:

The items below should be used as headings in your information sheet. Note the language used under each item must reflect the participant age group and corresponding comprehension level– if your participants have different comprehension levels (e.g. both adult and child participants) then separate sheets must be prepared for each set. Templates are available via the [REC Forms - Applications, Templates and Amendments section](#) of the Research Ethics website.

Checklist – tick the relevant check box for each item	Yes	No
Introductory Statement (Researcher names and titles, school, title of the research study)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is this research about?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this research being conducted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why have you been invited to take part?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What will happen if you decide to take part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will your data be used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will your privacy be protected (including any legal limits to confidentiality)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the risks of taking part in this research study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you change your mind at any stage and withdraw from this study?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How will you find out what happens with this project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contact details for further information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you marked any item as No, please explain and justify why:

As there is no guarantee that the application will be released to the market, we cannot promise that information will be available at a later date.

5.2 Informed Consent Procedures – please confirm whether written consent is to be obtained:

Please tick the relevant checkbox

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, describe the procedures by which written consent will be obtained. If you are involving child participants, you will also need to obtain their written assent. Templates are available via the [REC Forms - Applications, Templates and Amendments section](#) of the Research Ethics website.

We will use a template informing the participant of why we are collecting this data, how it will be used and that anything they say will be kept anonymous.

If No, describe the procedures regarding how consent/assent will be obtained:

N/A

If you are gathering data from an online process such as Google Form or SurveyMonkey then you should use a page such as the one below, to capture participants' informed consent and your data gathering should not proceed until participants have completed this form with the appropriate answers.

Participant – please complete the following (by clicking Yes/No for each question)

I have read the Plain Language Statement (or had it read to me) *

☒ Yes

☐ No

I understand the information provided *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I understand the information provided in relation to data protection *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I understand I may withdraw from the Research Study at any point *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have read and understand the arrangements to be made to protect confidentiality of data, including that confidentiality of information provided is subject to legal limitations *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have read and understand confirmations relating to any other relevant information as indicated in the PLS *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I consent to participate in this research study *

☐ Yes

☐ No

SECTION 6 – SUBMISSION CHECKLIST AND RESEARCHER DECLARATION**6.1 Please confirm all required supplementary documentation to be included in this application within Section 7:**

Checklist – tick the relevant check box for each item	Yes	N/A
Participant Information Sheet/s	<input type="checkbox"/> X	
Informed Consent Form/s	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informed Assent Form/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Recruitment Advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Questionnaire/Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interview/Focus Group Questions	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debriefing Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Bibliography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Approval from another Research Ethics Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Evidence of other external approvals (e.g. Board of Management letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Evidence of internal approvals (e.g. BSC approval review letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
Other – provide details here:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X

6.2 Signed Declaration

By submitting this form, the applicant (and supervisor) agree to the following:

The information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate. I have read the University's current research ethics guidelines, and accept responsibility for the conduct of the procedures set out in the attached application in accordance with the form guidelines, the [REC guidance and resources](#), the University's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), its [Code of Good Research Practice](#) and any other condition laid down by the Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee. I have attempted to identify all risks related to the research that may arise in conducting this research and acknowledge my obligations and the rights of the participants.

I also acknowledge my requirement to be informed as to other duties and legal obligations applying to my research, and to comply with these duties and obligations – this includes being informed about DCU Data Protection guidelines for researchers, DCU Child Protection policy and procedures (where relevant) and DCU Insurance requirements.

I and my co-investigators and/or supporting staff have the appropriate qualifications, experience and facilities to conduct the research set out in the attached application and to deal with any emergencies and contingencies related to the research that may arise. Research will not commence until required consents and approvals are in place.

Electronic Signature(s):

Supervisor: MARK HUMPHRY

Print Name here: **MARK HUMPHRY**

Date: 19/10/2023

Student(s)	signature(s):	Jomi	Kafi	&	Ryan	Shannon
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Print	Name(s)	here:	JOMI	KAFI	&	RYAN SHANNON
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Date: __19/10/2023 _____

SECTION 7 – SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

Please attach all required documentation as confirmed by you in the previous section. The application should then be saved as one file in PDF format before submission via the project dashboard.



Participant Information Sheet

Title of the Study: Student accommodation market research

Principal Investigator(s): Ryan Shannon & Jomi Kafi

Affiliation: DCU, Faculty of engineering and computing

Contact Information: Ryan Shannon - Jomi Kafi

0852325324 - 089434911

ryan.shannon8@mail.dcu.ie - jomi.kafi2@mail.dcu.ie

Introduction:

Dear Participant,

We invite you to participate in a research study conducted by DCU. Before you decide to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what your participation will involve. Please take your time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask any questions you may have before making your decision to participate.

Purpose of the Study:

The purpose of this study is to gain insight into the student accommodation process. We aim to identify the pains and gains stakeholders face during this process. We will then use the knowledge we have gained from this study to design an application that addresses these issues and make the process of organizing accommodation between landlords and students easier.

Study Procedures:

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to take part in an informal survey OR fill out a Google Form. The estimated time required for your participation is approximately 10-15 minutes.

Risks and Benefits:

There are no anticipated risks associated with participating in this study. Your participation will contribute valuable information to the research field, which may help improve student accommodation for your peers and potentially yourself in the future should this application be released to the market.

Confidentiality:

Your privacy is important to us. All the information you provide will be kept confidential and will only be accessible to the research team. Any data shared in publications or presentations resulting from this research will be anonymized, ensuring that your identity remains confidential.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal:

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without any penalty or loss of benefits. If you choose to withdraw, any data collected up to that point will be discarded, and your decision will not affect your relationship with the researchers or DCU.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions about the study or your participation, please do not hesitate to contact the principal investigator, Ryan Shannon, at ryan.shannon8@mail.dcu.ie or 0852325324.

Consent:

By agreeing to participate in this study, you indicate that:

- You have read and understood the information provided in this Participant Information Sheet.
- You have had the opportunity to ask questions and have received satisfactory answers.
- You voluntarily agree to participate in the study.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for considering participating in this research study. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ryan Shannon,



Interview Questions

Title of the Study: Student accommodation market research

Principal Investigator(s): Ryan Shannon & Jomi Kafi

Affiliation: DCU, Faculty of engineering and computing

Contact Information: Ryan Shannon
0852325324
ryan.shannon8@mail.dcu.ie

Section 1: Questions for students

Q1.) What is your name and course of study?

Q2.) How long have you lived in student accommodation?

Q3.) What type of accommodation were you living in?

Q4.) Did you enjoy this accommodation and your reasons why?

Q5.) Was it difficult to find this accommodation?

Q6.) What did you find to be the most difficult part of this process?

Q7.) How do you feel this process could have been improved?

Section 1: Questions for Landlords

Q1.) What is your name and occupation?

Q2.) How many students have you provided accommodation for?

Q3.) What type of accommodation do you provide for students?

Q4.) Did you enjoy your student accommodation experience and your reasons why?

Q5.) Was it difficult to find student tenants for your vacancy?

Q6.) What did you find to be the most difficult part of this process?

Q7.) How do you feel this process could have been improved?



Informed Consent Form

Title of the Study: Student accommodation market research

Principal Investigator(s): Ryan Shannon & Jomi Kafi

Affiliation: DCU, Faculty of engineering and computing

Contact Information: Ryan Shannon - Jomi Kafi
0852325324 - 089434911
ryan.shannon8@mail.dcu.ie - jomi.kafi2@mail.dcu.ie

Thank you for choosing to use [**ScholarHomes**] (the "App"). Before you start using the App, we kindly request you to read and understand the terms and conditions outlined in this Informed Consent Form. By using the App, you agree to these terms and conditions.

I, [Your Name], recognise that I have read and comprehend the terms and circumstances set forth in this Informed Consent Form, and I freely and voluntarily consent to the following:

Use of Information:

Personal Information: I acknowledge that the App may collect and keep personal information about me such as my name, email address, phone number, and payment information. This information will only be used to create and manage my account, handle reservations, and provide customer assistance.

Location Data: To increase the accuracy of accommodation search results, the App may access and collect location data. I may control my device's and the App's location settings.

User Content: On the App, I may post stuff such as reviews and ratings. I realise that this content may be exposed to other users and used to improve the App's services.

Booking and Payment:

Booking Process: I acknowledge that the App facilitates hotel reservations and payments. I promise to give current and correct payment information. Any booking made using the App is subject to the policies of the lodging provider.

Payment Security: The App will take reasonable steps to protect payment information. However, I accept that the App is not liable for any security breaches or mishaps.

User Obligations:

User Conduct: I commit to use the App responsibly and legally. I shall not engage in any deceptive, damaging, or disruptive behaviour.

Content Guidelines: I understand that the information shared on the App must be factual and polite. I will not post any content that is dangerous or inappropriate.

Data Privacy:

Data Protection: The App will take reasonable steps to safeguard my personal information. I understand that my information may be shared with lodging providers to facilitate bookings.

Third-Party Services: I understand that the App may make use of third-party services (such as payment processors), each of which may have its own privacy rules.

Contact Information:

I can contact the following people if I have any questions or issues about this Informed Consent Form or the App's data processing practices

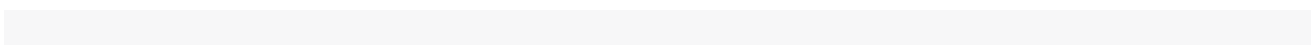
[Your Company Name]

[Contact Email]

[Contact Phone Number].

Signature:

- User's Name: _____
- Date: _____





Questionnaire/Survey

Title of the Study: Student accommodation market research

Principal Investigator(s): Ryan Shannon & Jomi Kafi

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Student Questionnaire:

Introduction: Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey for the future student housing app. Your opinion is crucial in assisting us in developing a platform that best meets your needs. Please take a few moments to respond to the following questions.

Section 1:

1.1. Name (Optional):

1.2. Age:

1.3. Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

1.4. Current Academic Institution:

1.5. Current Year of Study:

Section 2:

2.1. Are you currently residing in student housing?

- Yes
- No

2.2 What type of accommodation do you prefer?

- On-campus dormitory
- Off-campus apartment
- Shared house
- Other (please specify)

2.3 What is your budget range for monthly rent? (Please specify the range)

2.4 What amenities or features are most important to you in accommodation selection? (Select all that apply)

- Proximity to campus
- Security
- Wi-Fi
- Furnished rooms
- Laundry facilities
- Parking
- Pet-friendly
- Other (please specify)

Section 3:

3.1. What features would you like to see in a student accommodation app? (Select all that apply)

- Search and filter options
- Real-time availability updates
- Reviews and ratings
- Messaging with landlords/roommates
- Virtual tours of properties
- Rent payment integration

- Notifications for available properties
- Others (please specify)

3.2. What would be your preferred method for finding and securing accommodation on the app?

- Directly contacting landlords
- Requesting a booking through the app
- Attending in-person viewings
- Other (please specify)

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your opinion will assist us in developing a better student housing software. Your suggestions are much appreciated.

Renter Questionnaire:

Introduction: Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey for the future student housing app. Your opinion is crucial in assisting us in developing a platform that best meets your needs. Please take a few moments to respond to the following questions.

Section 1:

1.1. Name (Optional):

1.2. Age:

1.3. Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

1.4. Current Location:

1.5. Employment Status:

- Student
- Employed
- Unemployed
- Other (please specify)

Section 2:

2.1. Are you currently renting accommodation?

- Yes
- No

2.2. What is your budget range for monthly rent? (Please specify the range)

Section 3:

3.1. What features would you like to see in a student accommodation app? (Select all that apply)

- Search and filter options
- Real-time availability updates
- Reviews and ratings
- Messaging with landlords/roommates
- Virtual tours of properties
- Rent payment integration
- Notifications for available properties
- Others (please specify)

3.2. How would you like to get in contact with the Students:

- Messaging Through App
- In Person
- Online call
- Others (please specify)

