

Hi!

I'm [REDACTED]. I am conducting a research study with my supervisor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where we're interested in understanding how students participate in Open Communities and identify barriers to their participation on platforms such as GitHub, Gitlab or Stack Overflow. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are looking for adults (19 years or older) who use Open Source platforms. We would appreciate speaking with you to learn how you participate in these communities.

We would be delighted if you would be willing to participate in an interview and share your experiences by:

1. Answer questions about how you use Open communities like Github and Stack Overflow.
2. Answer questions about the barriers you have faced while making contributions in these open communities.
3. Answer questions about how your participation in these Open Communities has helped you, directly or indirectly.

If you're willing to participate, the study will be conducted in person during a time you find convenient. We estimate that this will take 60 minutes of your time. Please let me know if you would be willing to participate and what time slot works best for you.

We will handle your responses and data confidentially. This is a purely academic study. If you consider this email to be spam, I'm very sorry! There will be no followup to bug you. We will openly publish the results so everyone can benefit from them, but will anonymize everything before doing so.

Regards,

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