

ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT



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1. What is the research study about?

You have been invited because you are involved in teacher education programs in New South Wales and may have interest in participating in this study.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The following researchers are carrying out the study: Dr. Tracy Durksen (Chief Investigator) and Keiko Bostwick (Student Investigator) under the mentorship of Professor Andrew Martin in the School of Education at UNSW Sydney. This study is being funded by the School of Education (2017 Early Career Research Grant) and associated with Tracy Durksen's Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowship.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. We are looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- you must be a member of the NSW Council of Deans of Education **OR**
- you were recommended by a member of the NSW Council of Deans of Education

4. 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 you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- read this participant information statement carefully (ask questions if necessary), and
- complete one 20-minute online questionnaire.

5. 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 an online questionnaire that asks you to review and suggest scoring for possible responses to teaching scenarios that were developed by NSW teacher educators. **It should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.** We don't expect this questionnaire to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result of participation in this study you can let the research team know and they will provide you with assistance.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope your participation will be personally and professionally beneficial. While we cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study, we believe reviewing scenarios that have been drafted by NSW teacher educators will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on prospective teacher selection practices and development within the context of teacher education in NSW. In addition, the content of this project may be directly applicable to course content that you may teach, related research, or administrative efforts within teacher education programs. Indirectly, you will also be contributing valuable information that may be used to inform professional learning experiences targeting non-academic growth within and beyond teacher education programs.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of your responses to our online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'next' button following a 'declaration by the participant' statement (see the end of this letter for a copy), you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study. Your data will be kept for a period of 7 years after the project's

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completion. We will store your responses on a password-protected server at UNSW. The questionnaire is anonymous, but should you decide to provide your contact information at the end, we will remove and store those details in a separate password protected document in the Chief Investigator's office (Room 131 John Goodsell, UNSW, Sydney). Your de-identified information will only be used for the purposes of this research and the related overarching project. Researchers at UNSW are required to store their any aggregated data in the UNSW data repository, this is a system called ResData. Once the aggregated data is deposited into this repository it will be retained in this system permanently. It will however be retained in a format where your identity will not be known.

8. 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 emailing Tracy Durksen (tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au). We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the Chief Investigator:

Research Team Contact

Name	Tracy Durksen
Position	Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Education, UNSW Sydney
Telephone	+61 2 9385 8507
Email	tracy.durksen@unsw.edu.au

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

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC17216

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Consent Form (to be displayed at the start of the online questionnaire)

Declaration by the participant

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Statement or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- I understand that if necessary I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from <http://tracydurksen.com/pl-time-project/>

I agree, start questionnaire [Click Next]