

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
Assent for Participants in Research Projects Involving Human Subjects

ASSENT FORM – age 16-18
Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology

Title of Study: Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology longitudinal study

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Purpose of this Study

This study is designed to help us learn more about how you experience the programs provided by the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) at Virginia Tech. We hope to learn how you develop critical and creative thinking skills over time.

Why you are part of the study

Everyone who participates in ICAT programs is part of the study. You do not have to participate in the study if you do not want to. However, if you do not participate in the study, you cannot participate in ICAT programs.

What data we collect

ICAT programs are designed to build critical and creative thinking skills. Some of our programs are designed for parents and children to work together. Others are only for older children.

We collect basic data about your age and gender from your parent/guardian at registration for each program. During the programs we might photograph and/or video you. We might ask you about your experience and take notes or record the response. We may also watch how you interact with others. You may produce things such as journals, films, photographs, objects, computer programs and files, sculptures, drawings, blogs, and presentations. Any of these artifacts you make during or for ICAT programs may be analyzed for ICAT research. Following most ICAT programs, we will ask you to tell us about the experience using a paper or online survey. Responses to these surveys may be analyzed for ICAT research.

Because we are interested in how critical and creative thinking changes over time, we may want to contact you in future years. Each time we contact you, we will ask whether you would like to continue to participate in the study. You can stop anytime. When you turn 18, you will need to complete a new legal form to continue to participate in the research.

Risks and Benefits

There are very few risks to participating in this study. ICAT programs are designed to build critical and creative thinking skills. Your critical and creative thinking skills may improve. What we learn from this research will help us develop future programs. We don't promise any specific benefits to encourage you to participate.

Freedom to Withdraw

You are free to stop participating in this study at any time without getting in trouble. You may choose to not respond to any research questions that you choose. There may be reasons that we may determine that you should not continue to be involved in the study.

Questions about the Research

If you have any questions about this research or its conduct, contact:

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If you have questions about your *rights as a participant*, please contact:
Dr. David Moore, moored@vt.edu, Chair, Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects

You can also talk to your parent/guardian about the research. After you have talked to your parent, you can decide whether you would like to participate. If so, please sign below. Bring this form with you to the ICAT program.

Signature of research participant (minor)

Date

Printed Name of research participant (minor)