

**INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**(AGES 18 YEARS AND ABOVE)**

***Please note: This form is to be completed by the researcher(s) as well as by the participants before the commencement of the research. Copies of the signed form must be filed and kept on record***

**Title of Study:**

*“Exploring Academic Integrity in the Age of AI: Views of South African Lecturers on AI-Generated Assignments.”*

Dear participant,

Our names are Prof. B. Yan, Dr. V. Funda, Dr. S. Ndlovu, Ms. P. Acheampong and Mr. O. Bamigboye. We are from the University of Fort Hare and one of us is from Cape Peninsula University. We are currently conducting a study titled: *“Exploring Academic Integrity in the Age of AI: Views of South African Lecturers on AI-Generated Assignments”*.

**Purpose of Study:** The purpose of this study is to explore academic integrity in the age of AI: Views of South African Lecturers on AI-Generated Assignments. We, therefore, request you to respond to us in both the self-administered interview questionnaire and the survey questionnaire. Interview questions and survey will be conducted to address the objectives of the study. Two links will be attached for both the self-administered interview questionnaire and the survey questions. Once analysis of data has been done and the whole study is finished, the researchers will publish the article on an accredited journal for publication purposes.

**Study Procedure**

Some questions may be of a personal nature. We request that all questions asked in either self-administered interview questionnaire, and the survey be answered as per your knowledge and understanding. Some questions asked in the self-administered interview questionnaire may be questions that you may not have thought about before. We know that you cannot be certain about the answers to these questions, but we ask that you try to think about them as you answer. Please note, when it comes to answering questions there are no right and wrong answers.

Please understand that **your participation is voluntary,** and you are not being forced to take part in this study. The choice of whether to participate or notis yours. However, I would really appreciate it if you do share your thoughts with us. If you choose not to take part, you will not be affected in any way whatsoever. If you do this there will be no penalties, should you decide not to continue and you will NOT be prejudiced in ANY way. The information will remain confidential. This means that your details will not be linked in any way to the answers you give. We study and report on the answers given by all the respondents and not on an individual basis. The research data will be anonymous – with all personal respondent information removed and will be archived at the University.

At the present time, we do not see any risks in your participation. The risks associated with participation in this study are no greater than those encountered in daily life. There are no immediate benefits to you from participating in this study. However, this study will be helpful in finding out the views of South African Lecturers in AI-Generated Assignments.

**Risk-Benefit Ratio**

There are no risks in participating in this study.

**Who to contact if you have been harmed or have any concerns**

This research has been approved by the Inter-Faculties Research Ethics Committee (IFREC) as per delegated authority of the University Research Ethics Committee (UREC). If you have any complaints about ethical aspects of the research or feel that you have been harmed in any way by participating in this study, please call the IFREC Administrator, [Aphiwe Jadezweni, 040 602 2561 and [ajadezweni@ufh.ac.za](mailto:ajadezweni@ufh.ac.za) ]

**Reporting and Complaints**

If you have questions at any time about this study, or if you have concerns/questions you may contact the researcher/project leader whose contact information is provided on the first page. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, or if problems arise which you do not feel you can discuss with the researcher/project leader, please contact the IFREC Chairperson, Dr A Nyika on [040 602 2516 and ANyika@ufh.ac.za] or the UREC Chairperson, Dr N Taole-Mjimba on [043 704 7507 and nTaole-Mjimba@ufh.ac.za].

If you have concerns or questions about this study please feel free to contact the project coordinators: **Corresponding Researcher and Project Leader indicated below:**

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1. Approved by UREC (13 November 2019) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)