

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

**for**

Mobile Learning Adoption Questionnaire

### **Section A: The Research Project**

1. **Title of project**  
Mobile Education in Trinidad and Tobago: Towards a Seamless Learning Model in Higher Education
2. **Brief summary of research.**  
This research is focused on finding out the behavioural intention of adult learners to the adoption of Mobile Technology as a Learning aid and will look at the factors that will influence their adoption. Additionally, the research will seek to evaluate the role mobile technology will play in supporting teaching and learning strategies.
3. **Purpose of the study**  
This questionnaire will provide the data required to produce a Doctoral thesis which is a partial fulfilment of a Professional Doctorate awarded by Anglia Ruskin University (UK).
4. **Name of your Supervisor**  
*Dr. Simon Evans and Professor Gary Packham*
5. **Why have I been asked to participate?**  
You have been asked to participate because you are currently an adult learner studying at a private tertiary institution in Trinidad and Tobago.
6. **How many people will be asked to participate?**  
For this survey a sample size of 379 adult learners studying at private tertiary institutions will be invited to participate.
7. **What are the likely benefits of taking part?**  
Participants will not directly benefit financially or otherwise from the research outcomes. However, during the research period you would benefit from the use of mobile learning tools during your course of study.  
Additionally, the study may yield some useful insights into mobile learning adoption and associated learning strategies for adult learners.
8. **Can I refuse to take part?**  
Your participation is voluntary and you have the right to refuse to take part without giving a reason. Under no circumstances you should feel coerced into taking part.
9. **Has the study got ethical approval?**  
The study has ethical approval from Lord Ascroft International Business School Faculty Research Ethics Panel at Anglia Ruskin University.
10. **Has the organisation where you are carrying out the research given permission?**  
The President/Founder of SAM Caribbean Ltd has given his blessings and permission to approach students of the institution to conduct this survey. Please note that your participation in this survey is voluntary and it is your decision whether you would like to take part.

11. **What will happen to the results of the study?**  
The findings from the survey will form part of the documentation for a Professional Doctoral Thesis and will be disseminated at Anglia Ruskin University and elsewhere, including for publication.
12. **Contact for further information**  
If you require and further information on the nature of the research project being conducted please contact me at:  
[ars134@student.anglia.ac.uk](mailto:ars134@student.anglia.ac.uk)  
+1868-731-5463

## Section B: Your Participation in the Research Project

1. **What will I be asked to do?**  
Participants will be required to complete an online survey via the use of an electronic form. Therefore to respond to the questions you would need to click on the respective options to register your response. Upon completion of the survey you would click on the submit button.  
You would be required to complete the questionnaire once and it should take no longer than ten (10) minutes.
2. **Will my participation in the study be kept confidential?**  
All participants have the right to confidentiality, privacy and anonymity of their personal data provided in this survey. The researcher does not require to identify you directly therefore your physical identity will not be known to the researcher. Also your identity will be kept anonymous as the questionnaire is being completed online and no data will be collected on personal identifiers and personal sensitive information. Please also note that the option to collect your IP address has been disabled. Please see link to the online survey tool website's privacy policy. <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>  
  
In the case of indirect identification through data such as cultural, economic and social, the results will be written up in anonymised format and identification would be suppressed by generalizing the findings by using statistical analysis, as such the findings will not be reported as individual items.  
  
The data you submit would be stored on a cloud storage which is secured using a password and only the researcher will have access to it. The data would be loaded and transformed into an anonymised format using a coding technique onto a Statistical Software on the researcher's personal laptop which is secured by password and fingerprint. This dataset would only be accessed by the researcher and his supervisor and therefore would not be disclosed to the public or any unauthorised individuals.
3. **Are there any possible disadvantages or risks to taking part?**  
The researcher do not expect the study to cause any fatigue, distress or negative effect on your health. If you encounter any distress you can withdraw by closing the webpage. Please note that participation in this study does not affect the participant's legal rights.
4. **Whether I can withdraw at any time, and how.**  
Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason. Before starting the survey you would be asked to give consent, this would be recorded in the dataset. If you do not wish to take part in the survey you can click No to question 1. If at any time during the survey you wish to withdraw, without having your data

recorded, you can do so by exiting the webpage, if you would like your data to be recorded click the submit button at the end of the questionnaire.

Please note that it will not be possible to withdraw your data once the researcher has written the findings and submitted thesis for assessment or publication.

5. **Whether there are any special precautions you must take before, during or after taking part in the study.**

There are no special precautions or prerequisites for taking part in the study. You will receive an email with the URL to the survey, you can start by clicking on the link. You can use any internet connected device to access the survey, including your desktop, laptop or mobile device, which has a web browser.

6. **What will happen to any data that are collected from you?**

All data collected would be stored in an electronic format on password protected systems. The data would be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act (UK) 1998.

The data collected will not be processed to support decisions relating to particular individuals or to damage or distress the participants. Please note as a result of the above the data collected will be held indefinitely.

7. **Contact details for complaints.**

If you have any complaints about the study, you can speak to the researcher or the researcher's supervisor. See contact details below. If however, your concerns are not addressed adequately you can lodge a complaint directly to Anglia Ruskin University's complaints committee. See contact details below.

Researchers' email address: [andresamuel2005@yahoo.com](mailto:andresamuel2005@yahoo.com)

Researchers' Supervisor: [rob.willis@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:rob.willis@anglia.ac.uk)

Anglia Ruskin University Complaints Committee:

Email address: [complaints@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@anglia.ac.uk)

Postal address: Office of the Secretary and Clerk, Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ.

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