

Research Participant Information Form

Title:

Investigating Daily Writing Emotions, Self-Regulation, and Productivity: An Intensive Longitudinal Study

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Purpose of the study:

The purpose of this research study is to learn more about writers' daily emotional experiences, including the stability of these experiences over time as well as how they relate to writing behaviors and productivity. You are invited to participate in this study because you are a graduate student in a writing-intensive discipline. You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this study.

Description of the study and your involvement:

This study is being conducted by researchers in Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Education. Participants in the study are expected to write on a daily or near-daily basis and are therefore being recruited from writing-intensive disciplines. If you decide to participate in the study, you will be asked to first complete a brief demographics survey. Additionally, you will be asked to complete a brief daily survey regarding your writing-related emotions, behaviors, and productivity each day over the course of four weeks, between March 7th and April 3rd. Daily surveys should take approximately 5 minutes to complete each day. Daily surveys will be emailed to participants each morning at 8 a.m., and daily reminders will be emailed at 5 p.m. Personally identifiable information will not be shared with anyone outside of the research study. Only aggregated, de-identified, and/or anonymized data will be shared.

Risks and discomforts:

We do not anticipate greater than minimal risks or discomforts resulting from participation in this study.

Benefits to you and others:

You will be given access to a web app that provides individualized reports of your data in preliminary form at multiple occasions through the study. After the study has concluded, you will receive access to an app that provides a finalized personalized report illustrating trends in your data, which may help you think about your own approach to writing. Additionally, information gained from this study will contribute to the scholarly understanding of writers' emotional experiences and behaviors. This information may be used to help design writing strategies and tools in the future.

Costs:

There are no costs for participating in this study other than the time you will spend each day completing the daily surveys.

Compensation:

All participants who complete at least 50% of the daily surveys will be entered into a modified raffle. Participants will earn 1 point per each daily survey completed, and all participants will be entered into the raffle with their number of entries corresponding to the number of points earned. Eight winners will be selected from this raffle, and each winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift

card. The raffle drawing will be held after the completion of the study. Participants will also be provided with a finalized, individualized report of their data after the study is completed.

Confidentiality:

Your name, email address, and potentially identifying demographic information will be collected for this study. This information, along with data from daily surveys, will be maintained in a password-protected drive accessible only by the researchers.

Aggregated data from all participants will be included in the write-up of the study, but no identifying information will be included. Identifying information will only be used to match data to participants during data analysis.

What is learned from this study may be presented at conferences, published in journals, or used to inform subsequent research. Your identifying information will not be included in any of these uses.

Voluntary participation and withdrawal:

You are not required to participate in this study. If you choose to participate, you may withdraw at any time without penalty. You may also choose not to answer questions that are included in each daily survey. If you choose to withdraw from the study, you may do so at any time by emailing the researcher. If you choose to withdraw from the study, you will no longer be entered into the raffle and your information will not be included in the final study.

Your participation in this study may be stopped at any time by the researchers without your consent due to administrative reasons. Participants who are removed from the study by the researcher will be withdrawn from the raffle and will not receive a data report.

Questions:

If you have any questions, complaints, or concerns about your participation in the study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The researcher named above is the best person to contact with questions about your participation in this study.

If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this or any other research, you may contact:

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