

University of Hawai'i
Consent to Participate in a Research Project
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Project Title: University of Hawaii Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Harassment & Gender-Based Violence

University of Hawaii (UH) invites you to take part in a research study on campus climate, particularly about sexual harassment and gender-based violence. The survey is sponsored by the Office of the President in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE). UH has contracted with OmniTrak Group, Inc., an independent market research company based in Honolulu, Hawaii to conduct this system-wide confidential online survey among all students who are 18 years or older.

What am I being asked to do?

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. You may stop participating at any time. If you stop being in the study, there will be no penalty or loss to you. Additionally, if you do choose to participate, you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering and may exit the survey at any time. If you decide to take part in this project, you will be asked to fill out an online survey. This survey includes sections that ask about your views and perceptions regarding campus climate, inappropriate sexual behaviors, and resources available at UH.

Why is this study being done?

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the current UH campus climate regarding sexual harassment and gender-based violence. I am asking you to participate because you are a student of the UH system.

What will happen if I decide to take part in this study?

This survey should take most students less than 20 minutes to complete. It may take up to 30 minutes for some individuals. You can pause and resume the survey at any time. Your responses will be automatically saved. To return to the survey at a later date, you only need to click on the survey link provided in this email and any potential email reminders.

What are the risks and benefits of taking part in this study?

I believe there is little risk to you for participating in this research project. You may become stressed or uncomfortable answering any of the survey questions. If you do become stressed or uncomfortable, you can skip the question or take a break. You can also stop taking the survey or you can withdraw from the project altogether.

TRIGGER WARNING: This survey also asks about your personal experience with inappropriate sexual behaviors, such as sexual harassment, sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence. Some of the questions in this survey use explicit language, and some people may find it uncomfortable or upsetting, but it is important that we ask the questions in this way so that you are clear what we mean. If you need help, a link to confidential resources will be available on every page of the survey: <http://www.hawaii.edu/titleix/confidential/>

There will be no direct benefit to you for taking part in this project. The results will be used to guide policies to encourage a safe, respectful, and nondiscriminatory environment at UH. Participating in this study may be uncomfortable or upsetting, particularly for individuals who have had personal experiences with inappropriate sexual behaviors.

Confidentiality and Privacy:

Your confidentiality is of the utmost importance to us. We will not collect any personal information, such as your name or your IP address. The study data will be kept secure in a locked office on an encrypted password protected computer. Only those directly involved with the study will have access to survey data. Your email address is only used to distribute the survey, and electronic gratitude for early participants. Other agencies that have legal permission have the right to review research records. The University of Hawai'i Human Studies Program has the right to review research records for this study.

Survey results will be presented in an aggregated form so no individual can be identified. Any cohort with less than 15 individuals will NOT be analyzed or reported to minimize risks for small groups. However, if we learn about child abuse or you threaten to harm yourself or others, we are required to report it to the authorities.

Compensation:

Over the five weeks that the survey is available for participation, students will receive Amazon e-cards via email from OmniTrak for early participation. To receive the compensation you will need to provide an email address. However, the link between your survey responses and your email address will be broken so that no personal identity can be tracked (UH will never have access to email addresses of survey respondents).

January 26-29:	First 100 receive \$10; Next 75 receive \$5
February 1-5:	First 50 receive \$10; Next 50 receive \$5
February 8-12:	First 25 receive \$10; Next 20 receive \$5
February 15-19:	First 25 receive \$10; Next 20 receive \$5
February 22-26:	First 25 receive \$10; Next 20 receive \$5

Future Research Studies:

Survey results from this study, which do not have any personal identifiers attached, will be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies as this is an ongoing longitudinal project. We will not seek further approval from you for these future studies.

Questions:

If you have any questions about the purposes of this study, please call or email the Office of Institutional Equity at: (808) 956-8711, institutional.equity@hawaii.edu. If you have questions about the administration of the survey or would like to request a paper survey, please call the OmniTrak Hotline at (808) 528-4050 ext. 591. You may contact the UH Human Studies Program at 808.956.5007 or uhirb@hawaii.edu to discuss problems, concerns and questions, obtain information, or offer input with an informed individual who is unaffiliated with the specific research protocol. Please visit <http://go.hawaii.edu/jRd> for more information on your rights as a research participant.

To Access the Survey:

By clicking the "Yes" button below, you agree to participate in this survey research voluntarily and will be connected to the survey. Going to the first page of the survey implies your consent to participate in this study.

Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC):

We have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The CoC is issued to protect the investigators on this study from being forced to tell anyone about your participation in this study, even under a subpoena. Even when a CoC is in place, you and your family members must still continue to actively protect your own privacy. If you voluntarily give your written consent for an insurer, employer, or lawyer to receive information about your participation in the research, then we may not use the CoC to withhold this information.

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. The researchers with this Certificate may not disclose or use information or documents that may identify you in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other action, suit, or proceeding, or be used as evidence, for example, if there is a court subpoena, unless you have consented for this use. Information and documents protected by this Certificate cannot be disclosed to anyone else who is not connected with the research except, if there is a federal, state, or local law that requires disclosure (such as to report child abuse or communicable diseases but not for federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings, see below); if you have consented to the disclosure, including for your medical treatment; or if it is used for other scientific research, as allowed by federal regulations protecting research subjects. You should understand that a Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. If you want your research information released to an insurer, medical care provider, or any other person not connected with the research, you must provide consent to allow the researchers to release it. The Certificate of Confidentiality will not be used to prevent disclosure as required by federal, state, or local law if we learn about child abuse, or you threaten to harm yourself or others.

Please print a copy of this page for your reference.

Thank you for your participation. Mahalo!

Yes, I consent
No, I do NOT consent

Section B – Perceptions Of Risk

“Sexual assault” and “sexual harassment” refer to a range of behaviors that are nonconsensual or unwanted. These behaviors could include remarks about physical appearance or persistent sexual advances. They also could include threats of force to get someone to engage in sexual behavior such as nonconsensual or unwanted touching, sexual penetration, oral sex, anal sex or attempts to engage in these behaviors. These behaviors could be initiated by someone known or unknown, including someone you are in or have been in a relationship with.

These next questions ask about your perceptions related to the risks of experiencing sexual assault or sexual harassment.

Section C – Resources

The next questions ask about the services and resources offered by the university for those affected by sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Section D – Sexual Harassment

These next questions ask about any sexual harassment you may have experienced.

Section E – Stalking

The next questions ask about instances where someone behaved in a way that made you afraid for your personal safety or caused you emotional distress.

Section F – Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence

Earlier in the survey you indicated that you have been in a partnered relationship at least part of the time while you are enrolled at UH. The next section asks you questions about your relationship with your partner(s). Partnered relationships include a current or former:

- Spouses (Marriage, common-law, civil union or domestic partnership spouses)
 - Boyfriends/ Girlfriends
 - Dating partners
 - On-going sexual partners
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Section G – Nonconsensual Sexual Contact Screener

This next section asks about nonconsensual or unwanted sexual contact you may have experienced while attending UH. The person with whom you had the nonconsensual or unwanted contact could have been someone you know, such as someone you are currently or were in a relationship with (including a spouse), a co-worker, a professor or a teaching assistant, a family member, friend, religious/spiritual leader. Or it could be someone you do not know. Any gender can have these types of experiences.

You will be asked about two types of nonconsensual sexual contact: Sexual Penetration and Non-penetrative sexual contact.

Examples of sexual penetration include:

- Sexual penetration: When person(s) puts a penis, fingers, or object inside someone else’s vagina or anus.
- Oral sex: When someone’s mouth or tongue makes contact with someone else’s vagina, penis, or anus
- This includes when someone forces a person to perform sexual penetration or oral sex on another person.

Examples of non-penetrative sexual contact include:

- Kissing you
- Touching your breast, chest, crotch, genitals, groin or buttocks
- Grabbing, groping or rubbing against you in a sexual way, even if the touching is over your clothes

The next question/few questions ask about incidents of nonconsensual sexual penetration you may have experienced while enrolled at UH. Please do not include any incidents that involve **ONLY** nonconsensual non-penetrative sexual contact. We will ask about non-penetrative sexual contact after this/these first question/questions.

Section I – Perceptions of Responses to Reporting

The following are statements about what might happen if you were to report a sexual assault or sexual harassment to an official at UH. Please use the scale provided to indicate how likely you think each scenario is.