

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Information about a Research Study
Adult Participants**

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IRB Study # 12-1575

Title of Study: EvalFest: Evaluation Use, Value, and Learning Through Festivals of Science and Technology

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What are some general things you should know about research studies?

You are being asked to take part in a research study. To join the study is voluntary.

You may choose not to participate, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason, without penalty.

Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge. This new information may help people in the future. You may not receive any direct benefit from being in the research study. There are no risks for participating in this study.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study.

You should ask the researchers named above, or staff members who may assist them, any questions you have about this study at any time.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this research study is to better understand impacts of science events like this one.

How many people will take part in this study?

Approximately 30,000 people at different sites across the country will take part in this study.

How long will your part in this study last?

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes.

After this, you may be selected for a follow up ___phone interview; or ___ online survey. The follow up interview/survey will take approximately 20 minutes. If selected, you will have the opportunity to decline participation or withdraw from the study at any time.

What will happen if you take part in the study?

You have been randomly selected to participate. If you agree, then you will be asked a series of questions about today's experience. Your answers will be added to all of the other responses. We will then analyze all of the data and attempt to determine impacts of events like this.

What are the possible benefits from being in this study?

Research is designed to benefit society by gaining new knowledge. There is little chance you will benefit from being in this research study.

What are the possible risks or discomforts involved from being in this study?

There are no known risks from participating in this study.

How will information about you be protected?

Participants will not be identified in any report or publication about this study.

What if you want to stop before your part in the study is complete?

You can withdraw from this study at any time, without penalty.

Will it cost you anything to be in this study?

It will not cost you anything to be in this study.

Who is sponsoring this study?

This research is funded by the National Science Foundation. This means that the research team is being paid by them for doing this research. The researchers do not, however, have a direct financial interest with the sponsor or in the final results of the study.

What if you have questions about this study?

You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If there are questions about the study complaints, concerns, or if a research-related injury occurs, contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?

All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at 919-966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.