

Johns Hopkins University

Research Participant Consent Document

Study Title: A Study of Intellectually Gifted Young Adults (SIGYA): In-Depth Interviews with Gifted Individuals Regarding Childhood Experiences and Intellectual Self-Concept

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Student Investigator: Hilary Leithauser, EdM, CAES

The purpose of this research study is to gather information about the learning experiences of intellectually gifted young adults, both at home and at school, starting in childhood. Intellectually gifted young adults across the United States, including members of American Mensa, are being recruited for this study.

Participating in this study is entirely voluntary. You may elect not to participate, or you may withdraw your participation at any time. You may also choose not to answer any specific question(s) asked during the interview. Your decision about whether to participate, and any information that you provide, will not affect your relationship with American Mensa or the Mensa Foundation. You must have been born between the years 1989-2004 to take part in this study.

If you elect to participate in this study, you will be interviewed on Zoom. The interview will be roughly 60 minutes in length, and it will be audio- and video-recorded and transcribed. All recordings and transcriptions will be stored on OneDrive, which is a password-protected server, and all recordings will be destroyed within 6 months of the interview. In addition, your data will be de-identified, so that your real name will be redacted from all study documents and recordings, and you will only be identified by a pseudonym. As an additional confidentiality measure, you are advised not to display your full name on your Zoom screen during the interview, even though the interview recordings will be destroyed.

There is no financial compensation for your participation in this study. However, potential benefits include the opportunity to reflect on yourself, to gain new insights, and to contribute to research on childhood learning experiences. Risks include possible discomfort resulting from discussing sensitive topics.

This research is sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University School of Education, where the researchers are employed. The Student Investigator is also a member of American Mensa. The researchers have no financial stake in the results of this study.

If you elect to participate in this study, you will receive a few emails from the Student Investigator, Hilary Leithauser, at hakinbi1@jhu.edu, regarding your participation. You will also receive a brief eligibility screening phone call from Hilary at 413.687.8757.

If you have questions about this research study, please contact the Principal Investigator, Ashley Berner, at ashley.berner@jhu.edu, or the Student Investigator, Hilary Leithauser, at hakinbi1@jhu.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Institutional Review Board at HIRB@jhu.edu or 410.516.3353.

Do you consent to participate?

Yes, I consent to participate in this study.

No, I do not consent to participate in this study.

Signature _____ Date _____