



**Consent Form to Participate in the Study:
“Teaching Practices at the University of British Columbia”**

Who is conducting the study?

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Who is funding this study?

This study is being funded by internal UBC funds.

Why are we doing this study?

You are being invited to participate in a longitudinal study that investigates faculty teaching practices, attitudes about teaching, and perceptions of the teaching climate at UBC’s Vancouver and Okanagan campuses. The goal of the study is to provide summary data to individual Faculties and university leadership regarding teaching practices, attitudes and perceptions. Data will be analyzed to explore whether attitudes are aligned with teaching practices and if there is a relationship between practices and perceptions of teaching climate at UBC. Findings may be used to inform strategic priorities, continual improvement processes, and service offerings as well as to assess change that could be attributed to institutional initiatives.

How is the study done?

Your participation in the study will involve taking part in an online questionnaire that will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. You will be asked a set of questions regarding your teaching practices and attitudes about teaching, and your perceptions of the teaching climate at UBC. There will be very few demographic questions and only the initial inclusion question is required. You may exit the questionnaire at any time. More information regarding how your privacy will be maintained is below.

What happens next?

The findings of this study will be used to inform a continual improvement process around support for teaching at UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses, and the direction and prioritization of services within UBC teaching and learning centres and strategic initiatives. The aggregate results of the study will be made available through open channels (e.g., the CTLT website) and may be published in peer-reviewed



journals without any identifiers. Findings from the 2014 survey can be accessed at <https://ctlit.ubc.ca/resources/tps-report/>

Is there any way being in this study could pose a risk for you?

There are no anticipated risks for participants. However, some of the questions you'll be asked may seem personal. You do not have to answer any questions if you do not want to and you can opt out at any time with no repercussions.

What are the benefits of participating in this study?

There are no explicit benefits to participants taking part in this study. However, this study will provide you with an opportunity to share your views about teaching at UBC, and this will inform decisions around teaching and learning services. We believe this study will also lead to conversations across campuses about teaching practices, faculty attitudes about teaching, and faculty perceptions of the teaching environment.

How will your privacy be maintained?

Your confidentiality will be respected. Original data collected in this study will be examined by the research team members only. Although limited identifying information will be collected, the research team will ensure that any instances of self-disclosure will be anonymized. Items with less than 5 responses will not be analyzed or reported. In addition, any names, courses, Departments or other information that may identify an individual included in open-ended questions will be removed and replaced with a placeholder. Only aggregate data (from groups with 5 or more responses) and anonymized quotes will be shared outside the research team. All data will be encrypted and password protected, and held in a password protected file space accessible only to the research team.

Who can you contact if you have questions about the study?

If you have any questions or concerns about what we are asking of you, please contact the principal investigator or one of the co-investigators. Their names, email addresses, and telephone numbers are listed at the top of the first page of this form.

Who can you contact if you have complaints or concerns about the study?

If you have any concerns about your rights as a research subject and/or your experiences while participating in this study, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.

Taking part in this study is entirely voluntary. You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part, you may choose to pull out of the study at any time without giving a reason and without any negative impact on you or your employment at UBC.

If you agree to participate in this study, please click "I agree" to continue.

I agree