School of Psychology: Psychology Research Participation Scheme (Paid Pool)

The process of registering experiments with the Psychology research participation scheme is similar to that for the First Year Research Participation Scheme. Interested researchers are required to complete a Sona application form (available online) and to submit it with a copy of the notification for ethical clearance and a study description to Danico Jones at psyethics@psy.uq.edu.au

Within 3 – 5 days after submission, a login and password will be issued and the experiment can go onto the system.

**Study description:** 500 character description of the experiment. Avoid promises that are not realistic or a mention of the actual duration of the experiment if shorter than 1 hour. No need to mention amount of monetary compensation available.

**Compensation:** Compensation is cash in hand. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain and administer the funds (for procedure to obtain cash advances from research accounts see backside of form).

One of the most important issues with any research and with research participation schemes in particular is compliance with ethics. Thus, the basic mechanisms for the Psychology research participation scheme are outlined below:

- Fixed hourly compensation of $10. This compensation is sufficient to make it attractive to participants, but not high enough to raise concerns that participants would be coaxed into doing something they would not otherwise. Some experiments may warrant a higher rate, e.g., if travel is required. This needs approval from the School of Psychology Research committee.
- Compensation is made in multiples of $10 - no half hour slots.
- Participants who withdraw from the experiment are entitled to compensation for the time expended (minimum $10).
- Participants who keep an appointment are entitled to compensation for the time expended (minimum $10), i.e., compensation is provided if the experimenter does not show or 'no more participants are needed'.
- To avoid confusion between different research participation schemes, schedule separate sessions for participants from different schemes. A study may involve participants from different schemes, but situations where participants receive different outcomes in exchange for participation should be avoided.

In case of further questions – please contact Danico Jones danico.jones@psy.uq.edu.au