TEMPLATE[1] FOR INVITATION AND IMPLIED INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Date:

Title of the study in all capital letters and bold font as it appears on the application.

IRB # (tba) **Approval Date:** **Expiration Date:**

Salutation. Dear. . . .

Introduction. You are invited to take part in a research study because you are (see *Population and Characteristics* and/or *Inclusion Criteria*). The purpose of this study is to (see *Purpose of Study*). This research study is being conducted as part of the requirements of my (degree) program at Clarkson College.

Description of what will be done from the point of view of your potential subjects so that they know everything they need to know to make a fully informed decision.

In 1-3 lines, describe the step-by-step process using language that your audience will understand (see *Description of Methodology*). Avoid long paragraphs and consider using subheadings to enhance organization and readability. State *when* and *where* the research will occur, *who* will do *what*, *what* will happen and *what* they will do, and *how* much time will be needed.

To make a fully informed decision, if it is important for potential subjects to know that the study involves randomization, explain that they will be assigned by chance to a study group and explain the study groups. Include all requirements for participation, such as follow-up interviews, surveys, or tests.

Risks. There is no compensation or known risk associated with participation. Potential risks include (see *Potential Risks*) and will be protected by (see *Protection Against Risks*). Please note that your responses will be used for research purposes only and will be strictly confidential. No one at Clarkson College or [(*Study Site(s)*] or any other entity will ever associate your responses with your name or email address. The aggregate information from this study will be shared with (list entities in *Ultimate Distribution of Data)* and may be published in scientific journals and presented at professional meetings.

Benefits. You may receive no direct benefit from participating in this study (if you expect them to receive a direct benefit, state what that is**)**, but the information gained may help to (see *Potential Benefits to the Subject* and *Potential Benefits to Society*). You may receive access to the aggregated results of this study by (explain how).

Consent. If you decide to participate**,** please (do whatever you are asking them to do)**,** which should take approximately (see *Description of Methodology*) to complete. Your participation is strictly voluntary. Furthermore, your responses or decision not to respond will not affect your relationship with [*Study Site(s)*], Clarkson College**,** or any other entity.

[1] Rather than cut and paste template language, investigators should use their *own* writing voice as they incorporate these elements in their invitation to potential subjects to participate in the study.

Your completion and submission of the (survey, pre-test, post-test, questionnaire) indicate your fully informed consent to participate (alter wording for participation in a scheduled phone interview). You may withdraw at any time by not completing and submitting the survey (or ending the interview). This study does not cost you in any way, except the time spent completing the (survey, pre-test, post-test, questionnaire, interview).

Please read *The Rights of Research Participants* below. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, call the Clarkson College IRB Board at 402-552-3100 or email IRB@clarksoncollege.edu. If you have comments, problems**,** or questions about the study, contact the researcher(s), and thank you for considering our invitation to participate.

If you are (age of majority in state you are conducting research) years of age or older and agree to the above**,** please proceed to (link to survey) to begin.

Sincerely,

Principal Investigator(s)'s name(s)	Co-Investigator(s)'s name(s)
Principal Investigator(s)'s phone/email	Co-Investigator(s)'s phone/email