Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named NY(You). The study is part of a larger national census to assess the attitudes and abilities of students in enrolled in private universities in the United States. It is being conducted by Alex Wesnousky who is the principal investigator, as part of her graduate training. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Gabriele Oettingen, Psychology Department.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to: complete questionnaires about your study habits, perform a brief test of cognitive ability, and write short opinion essay. Your child’s participation will take about 60 minutes, and he or she will receive 1 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better that abilities and opinions of the student body in America’s Higher Education system.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by not collecting any identifying information and only using anonymous code numbers. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by shredding all paper documents and deleting all electronic data.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Alex Wesnousky, at (530) 219-0385 or aew323@nyu.edu or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Gabriele Oettingen at (212)-998-7915, gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, or Department of Psychology, New York University, 6 Washington Place, Room 455. For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission

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Parent’s Signature                                      Date