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**Parental Consent Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit**

Your child has been invited to take part in a study named "Induction C." The study is designed to learn more about how different people reason. It is being conducted by Professor Gregory L. Murphy, Department of Psychology, New York University, who is the principal investigator, and his research team, as part of a faculty research project.

If you give permission for your child's participation, he or she will be asked to read some simple stories about objects, people, or animals and to make a prediction about some of the objects, people, or animals in the stories. Your child may also be asked to fill out a questionnaire on cognitive style—the way he or she prefers to think about things. Participation will take no more than an hour, and your child will receive one hour's credit and receive a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. The stories are about harmless, everyday objects and people. The questionnaire asks questions about how your child likes to think or what kinds of cognitive activities he or she likes. No personal or private information will be requested. 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 understand how different people reason.

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, he or she will still receive the credit offered for taking part. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of research records will be strictly maintained. We do not attach names to the data, and we are interested in group results rather than the responses of particular individuals. Data are kept locked in our laboratory and are only viewed by the investigators. Any paper response sheets will be shredded five years after publication of the study. Computer files are kept indefinitely.

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, Professor Gregory Murphy at 212-998-7791, gregory.murphy@nyu.edu, or the address in the letterhead above. For questions about your 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 document to keep.*

Agreement to Participate

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 Parent's Signature

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 Date

Participant's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

