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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named "Learning under uncertainty". The study is designed to learn more about how we learn to use partially informative information to decide about the value of different decisions. It is being conducted by Nicholas Gustafson, who is the principal investigator, as part of his doctoral dissertation work. The faculty sponsor of this work is Nathaniel Daw, a faculty member in the Center for Neural Science and the Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to: complete a series of trials in which your child chooses between a red and blue circle based on the pair of shapes present on the screen. Each time your child makes a choice, your child will receive feedback indicating how many points earned. Your child's goal is to earn as many points as possible. Your child's participation will take about 1 hour, 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, aside from those associated with the usage of a personal computer. 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 learning and decision making.

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 child's research records will be strictly maintained by not linking them to any identifying information. 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 of any consent forms.

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, Nicholas Gustafson, at (phone: 212-998-7605; e-mail: njg245@nyu.edu; office: 275 Meyer Hall) or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Nathaniel Daw at (phone 212-998-2104; e-mail: Nathaniel.daw@nyu.edu; office: 275 Meyer Hall). 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.

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Permission

Parent's Signature

Date

