Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named “Stress Survey”. The study is designed to learn about lifetime exposure to stress and how this influences memory. This study will be conducted by Dr. Elizabeth A. Phelps, Department of Psychology, New York University, or by a designated member of her research staff.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to respond to a series of questions from a validated survey. Participation will take about 60 minutes during one session, and will earn one 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 provided. Your child may be invited to participate in a follow-up laboratory experiment, in which your child would search through items on a screen to find a target. Your child would receive monetary compensation ($10/hour) for completing this follow-up experiment.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the influence of stress on learning and memory.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect grades 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 they prefer not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by using only random codes. 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 deletion of electronic media and shredding of files.

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, Dr. Elizabeth A. Phelps, at (212) 998-8317 or liz.phelps@nyu.edu, Meyer Hall, New York University, 6 Washington Place Room 890, New York, NY 10003. 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

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