

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Participant Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in a research study on decision making. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this.

Title of the Research: Preferential Decision Making

What is the aim of the research?

This study is investigating how people gather information and make simple decisions.

Who will conduct the research?

Post graduate researcher George Farmer from the School of Psychological Sciences, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL, or final year undergraduate project students under his supervision.

Why have I been chosen?

You have volunteered to take part.

What would I be asked to do if I took part?

You will be given information about a series of options and then asked to choose which one you prefer, for instance you might be asked which of two lotteries you would prefer. Options will be shown on a computer screen, and you will make your choices using a mouse.

What happens to the data collected?

The data collected will be anonymous and will be stored on password protected university computers.

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

You do not have to take part in the study. If you decide to take part and then later change your mind, either before you start the study or during it, you can withdraw without giving a reason and if you wish your data will be destroyed. After completion of the study all data will be stored in a completely anonymous format and therefore it will not be possible to identify or delete specific participant data.

Will I be paid for participating in the research?

Yes, you will receive 3 course credits.

What is the duration of the research?

Participation will take around 45 minutes

Where will the research be conducted?

University of Manchester, Zochonis Building.

Contact for further information

If you wish to find out more about this study please contact the chief investigators on this project, George Farmer (george.farmer@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk) or Dr Paul Warren (paul.warren@.manchester.ac.uk)

What if something goes wrong?

While we do not expect anything to go wrong during the study, there is always the possibility of unexpected events. If you wish to make a formal complaint about the conduct of the research please contact the head of the Research Office, Christie Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

**This project has been approved by the
University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee**