

HUMAN SCIENCE ETHICAL COMMITTEE

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM FOR VOLUNTEERS

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether or not to participate, it is important for you to understand what taking part involves. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

PROJECT TITLE

Auditory Perception (Hearing) Research using Psychophysical and Cognitive Methods

RESEARCH WORKERS, SCHOOL AND SUBJECT AREA RESPONSIBLE

Professor Brian Roberts (Principal Investigator)
Dr Robert Summers (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)
Ms Saima Rajasingam (PhD Student)
Research Assistant (Currently unnamed)

Psychology Subject Group, School of Life and Health Sciences

**GENERAL INFORMATION: EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED
AND OF ANY POSSIBLE HAZARDS**

- You will be asked to listen to a series of sounds, presented at a comfortable listening level, and to identify them or to make other kinds of perceptual judgments about them.
- *Before the session begins, you will be supplied with specific information about the nature of the sounds you will be hearing and the judgments you will be asked to make. This specific information will be in the form of a verbal briefing and a detailed information sheet.*
- The sounds will be presented over headphones and you will receive on-line instructions via a computer screen. Your responses will be made using one or more of the following devices – a computer keyboard, mouse, joystick, touch screen, or microphone.
- Testing will take place while you are seated inside an acoustic booth, designed to exclude sounds from outside. Should the fire alarm system become active while you are inside the booth, a red flashing alarm signal will be clearly visible through the window in the booth. You are free to open the door at any time should you wish to leave the booth for any reason.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please ask before beginning the session.
- At the end of the session, you will have the opportunity to discuss the study and ask any further questions you may have.
- You may withdraw from the study at any time; you do not need to give a reason.
- We the investigators agree to abide by the principles of the Aston University Human Sciences Ethical Committee.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The confidentiality of personal information and the anonymity of all volunteers involved in this investigation will be preserved in the following way:

- All data will be coded and your identity will remain anonymous throughout.
- All data will be stored securely to ensure confidentiality.
- You will not be identified in any way in any outputs from the research (e.g., project reports, published articles, etc.).

Who do I Contact if Something Goes Wrong or I Need Further Information?

- Please contact the Director of the Auditory Perception Laboratory, Professor Brian Roberts, on b.roberts@aston.ac.uk or telephone 0121 204 3887.

Who do I contact if I wish to make a complaint about the way in which the research is conducted?

- If you have any concerns about the way in which the study has been conducted, you should contact the Secretary of the University Research Ethics Committee on j.g.walter@aston.ac.uk or telephone 0121 204 4665.

VOLUNTEER'S STATEMENT

		Initials Box
1	I confirm that I have read and understand the above explanation. I have had the opportunity to discuss it with the investigators, to ask any questions, and these have been answered to my satisfaction.	
2	I agree to take part in the project. I have been informed that I am free to withdraw at any time during an experiment, or to withdraw my data up to 48 hours afterwards.	

Volunteer's signature:

Dated:

Researcher's signature: