Informed Consent

Following are the elements that will need to be included in an Informed Consent Form.

The Nuremberg Code **requires that at least the following information be disclosed to subjects:**

- **the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment;**
- **the method and means by which it is to be conducted;**
- **all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and**
- **the effects upon his health or person which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment.**

The Belmont Report **mentions those and adds:**

- **Subjects should be offered ample opportunity to ask questions of the investigators before being asked to give their consent.**

The Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR 46.116) mentions those and adds:

- **A statement describing the extent, if any, to which confidentiality of records identifying the subject will be maintained.**
- **A statement as to whether any compensation will be provided for time and inconvenience.**

Prospective subjects must be told that if they agree to participate in this study they are free to withdraw from the study at any time for any reason, or even for no reason, without losing any benefits to which they would otherwise be entitled. If the research is part of an ongoing course, researchers will want to clarify how a student's withdrawal from a study would affect (or not affect) their participation in the course.

It is important that language used in the Consent Form be of a sort that is clear and understandable to prospective study participants.

Below is a template that you may use or modify to develop your own Consent Form.

Informed Consent Form for a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Research Proposal

- **Title of Research Project**
- **Name(s) of Principal Investigator(s) for the study.**
- **When and how the study will take place.**
- **The purpose of the study.**
- **Potential benefits if one chooses to participate in this study**
- **Potential costs, risks, or discomforts to consider if one chooses to participate in this study**
- **A statement describing the extent, if any, to which confidentiality of records identifying the subject will be maintained.**
- **A statement as to whether any compensation will be provided for time and inconvenience.**
- **Additional information.**
- **Please understand that if you agree to participate in this study you will be free to withdraw from the study at any time for any reason, or even for no reason, without losing any benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled.**
- **Do you have any questions about the study or your participation in it, or is there anything about the study you would like to discuss?**

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Study Participant **Date**

Primary Investigator **Date**

Note: After completing this form please send it, along with your application for Human Subjects approval, as an email attachment to Tom Kerns here in FirstClass or to tkerns@sccd.ctc.edu.