PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR QUT RESEARCH PROJECT

Evaluate an Interaction with a Social Robot

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RESEARCH TEAM

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DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this research is to evaluate an interaction with a social robot, which is a robot that can communicate and interact with people.

The research team is looking for adults aged 18 years of age or over who would like to take part in an interaction with a social robot.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation is expected to take around 10-minutes. You do not need to have any programming or robotics experience to be able to take part in the interaction. Instructions will be provided to you to help guide you through the interaction. You will be asked to answer some survey questions, such as your age, experience with robots, and wellbeing. You will also be asked to interact with the social robot by using a tablet attached to the robot and complete a brief session together. Afterwards, you will be asked to rate the robot and the interaction. Please be aware that young children and adolescents will not able to participate in the session with you.

Your participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with QUT (for example your grades). If you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the research project without comment or penalty. However as the survey is anonymous once it has been submitted it will not be possible to withdraw.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

It is expected that this research project will not benefit you directly. However, it may benefit the current understanding of human-robot interactions and how social robot interactions can be improved in the future.

To recognise your contribution should you choose to participate the research team is offering you the chance to win one Samsung Galaxy Tab A 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB (approx. $197). Entry into the prize draw is optional and voluntary.

To protect your anonymity associated with your survey responses, your name and email address are stored separately to your survey responses. Please note the opening date for entries is 04/12/2018, the closing date for entries is 31/05/2019. The prize will be drawn on 03/06/2019.

The Terms and Conditions of the prize draw are located at:
First year QUT psychology students (PYB100 and PYB102) can choose between course credit (by participating through SONA) or the prize draw for their participation.

**RISKS**
There are no risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this research project.

If you are concerned about your wellbeing, online resources include Headspace [https://www.headspace.org.au/](https://www.headspace.org.au/), Head to Health [https://headtohealth.gov.au/](https://headtohealth.gov.au/) and the Black Dog Institute [https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/](https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/). You may also wish to discuss this with your GP, a counsellor or health professional for further support or resources.

**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**
All survey responses are anonymous and will be treated confidentially unless required by law, or regulatory or monitoring bodies, such as the ethics committee. Any data collected as part of this research project will be stored securely as per QUT’s Management of research data policy. Please note that data from this research project may be used as comparative data in future projects or stored on an open access database for secondary analysis.

The research project is funded by the State of Queensland and they will not have access to the data obtained during the project.

**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**
Submitting the completed online survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this research project.

**QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT**
If you have any questions or require further information please contact one of the listed researchers:

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**CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT**
QUT is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team on 07 3138 5123 or email humanethics@qut.edu.au. The QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**