

Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study



University at Buffalo Institutional Review Board (UBIRB)

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Title of research study: Exploring the Intricacies of LGBTQ+ Cyberbullying Victimization and Substance Use in Higher Education: Help-Seeking, Conflict Resolution, and Resource Utilization

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Key Information: The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later on in this form.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?

You are being invited to take part in a survey to share your experiences with cyberbullying and/or substance use in higher education as it may or may not relate to LGBTQ+ identities.

What should I know about a research study?

- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this study is to (1) better understand the prevalence of cyberbullying and/or substance use in higher education, (2) examine whether LGBTQ+ identify is a contributing factor to cyberbullying and/or substance use, and (3) learn about university resources for cyberbullying victimization and/or substance use that may be available (or are recommended) to faculty, staff, and/or students. A potential benefit of this study is that as a participant, you will have the opportunity to share your experiences with and/or observations of cyberbullying and/or substance use and the resources that you believe are (or would be) valuable to attending to issues of cyberbullying, substance use, and/or support of LGBTQ+ identities in higher education.

How long will the research last and what will I need to do?

We expect that you this survey will take 15-20 minutes to complete. At the end of the survey, you may choose to indicate your willingness to participate in a one-time, 1-hour individual interview with the study team.

More detailed information about the study procedures can be found under ***“What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?”***

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Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?

Questions asked in this survey may make you uncomfortable. If any of the survey make you feel uncomfortable, or if you would simply prefer to skip any questions, you will be able to do so.

More detailed information about the risks of this study can be found under “*Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me? (Detailed Risks)*”

Will being in this study help me in any way?

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Participation in research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to enroll in this study. Your alternative to participating in this research study is to not participate.

Detailed Information: The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team P.I. at crdoxbec@buffalo.edu. You may also contact the research participant advocate at 716-888-4845 or researchadvocate@buffalo.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). An IRB is a committee that provides ethical and regulatory oversight of research that involves human subjects. You may talk to them at (716) 888-4888 or email ub-irb@buffalo.edu if:

- * You have questions about your rights as a participant in this research
- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

How many people will be studied?

We expect a minimum of 200 people to participate in this survey.

What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?

- * Completion of the survey, which is expected to last approximately 15-20 minutes, will conclude your participation.
- * The survey will direct you to a series of questions related to your experiences with cyberbullying and/or substance use in higher education and how said experiences may or may not relate to LGBTQ+ identity considerations.
- * Should participants choose to identify themselves in their survey responses, any data shared will use pseudonyms to protect the identities of participants.

By completing this survey:

- I verify that I am at least 18 years of age, and I agree to participate in the research study being conducted on cyberbullying and substance use in higher education.
- I understand that my participation in the study is completely voluntary.

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- I understand that by participating, I will answer questions that are written in English concerning experiences with cyberbullying and substance use.
- I understand that this study has been approved by the University at Buffalo Institutional Research Review Board and that all information gathered will be kept strictly confidential.
- I understand that I will **not** receive payment for my participation in this survey.
- I understand my name will **not** be requested for the survey, and my device's IP address will **not** be recorded to protect my anonymity.
- I understand that I can provide my email at the end of the survey indicating my willingness to participate in a follow-up Zoom interview, but I am **not** required to provide my email address to participate in the survey.
- I understand that if I choose to provide my email address, all email addresses will be separated from the data file prior to analysis.
- I understand that my responses to this survey will **not** be shared with anyone but the P.I., and my responses will **not** impact my grades, academic standing, or employment status.
- I understand that I may decline to continue participating in the survey, without penalty, at any time by closing my web browser.

What are my responsibilities if I take part in this research?

Completion of this survey, which is expected to last approximately 15-20 minutes, will conclude your participation. You may choose to decline to continue participating in the survey, without penalty, at any time by closing your web browser. You may choose not to answer any of the questions in the survey.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?

You can leave the research at any time it will not be held against you. If you stop being in the research, already collected data may not be removed from the study database.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me? (Detailed Risks)

There are no known physical or psychological risks associated with these procedures. If participants willingly decide to provide their email addresses with their submission, there is a small risk involving the association of the participants' email address with their responses involving cyberbullying and/or substance use experiences in higher education (e.g. the experiences could involve colleagues, friends, family members, etc.).

What happens to the information collected for the research?

Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your personal information to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete secrecy. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the IRB and other representatives of this organization. Any optional, identifying information that you volunteer to provide will be kept confidential and, if applicable, substituted with a pseudonym throughout any write-up of the research. Survey data will be stored on UB Box that only the P.I. and study team members have access to. Data will be password protected. The questionnaire data will be stored indefinitely.