

# **University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC)**

## **Community College & Career Training (C3T), Round 3 Grant**

### **Consent to Participate in a Research Project**

The purpose of this research study is to promote skills development in Energy, Agriculture, or Healthcare through credit and non-credit programs. The 7 UHCC campuses are developing specialized services that include academic coaching, accelerated and contextualized course work, learning support, undergraduate research, technology enhanced instruction, hands on labs, and blended learning environments. As a student between the ages of 18 – 64 and majoring in or intending to major in either of these areas, you are eligible to participate if you choose to do so.

As part of this study, demographics (such as gender, age, ethnicity, major, education level, etc.) will be examined as well as students' academic progress will be tracked over time to determine the following:

- ☐ course completion rates
- ☐ persistence (term to term) rates
- ☐ graduation/certificate attainment rates
- ☐ industry hire rates (employment tracked up to 3 quarters after completion of credit/non-credit program)
- ☐ the impact on intervention strategies (such as student coaching) academic progress (persistence, graduation, industry hire rates)

Sample research questions include the following:

- a. What is the persistence rate for students receiving student coaching (treatment group) as compared to the comparison group (non-coached, historical cohort)?
- b. What is the overall graduation/certification attainment rate for students receiving student coaching (treatment group) as compared to the comparison group (non-coached, historical cohort)?
- c. What is the industry hire rate for students receiving student coaching (treatment group) as compared to the comparison group (non-coached, historical cohort)?

Please note that by being a C3T student, you may be contacted and asked to participate in evaluation activities such as surveys, interviews, or focus groups by the Pacific Policy Research Center (PPRC). These evaluation activities are voluntary but it is hoped that C3T can count on your cooperation and willingness to provide the project with your input and opinions on your experiences in your C3T program.

**Benefits and Risks:** As a direct benefit, the results of this project may contribute to a better understanding of the needs of the C3T credit/non-credit student population and may eventually lead to program improvements and enhancements. Although the eligibility/application/intake form will contain students' UH number, this is only meant to track students' progress in their programs every semester and to supplement the data with additional demographic information.

Results will always be reported in the aggregate only; that is, no individual responses will ever be tied to individual students by name. Therefore, there is little risk to students in participating in this project.

**Confidentiality and Privacy:** Results of this project will be reported in the aggregate, meaning that no identifiable information (such as students' names) will ever be used. The UH number will be used to link to the student information database to extract demographic data to supplement the information that is on the C3T eligibility/application/intake form and track students' academic progress several semesters throughout the end of the grant. All completed C3T eligibility/application/intake forms surveys will be secured (kept in a locked filing cabinet in the C3T project management team office) and will be stored on a computer that has a login/password in a locked office. All original paper forms will be destroyed (shredded) after the grant has ended and all federal reporting requirements have been met.

**Voluntary Participation:** Participation in this research study is completely voluntary. Students can freely choose to participate or to not participate in this project. If students agree to participate, they can stop at any time without any penalty or loss of benefits.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about this project, please email [Stanford](#). If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the UH Human Studies Program at 808-956-5007 or [email UH IRB](#).

**Signature:**

I have read and understand the information provided to me about participating in the research project, *C3T Round 3: Community College and Career Training grant*.

My signature below indicates that I agree to participate in this research project.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have read and understand the information provided to me about participating in the research project, *C3T Round 3: Community College and Career Training grant*. By checking this box, I agree to participate in this research project.

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