

Appendix D. Student Consent Form

Observation and Interview Consent Form

Thank you for your interest in participating in our study! The goal of the research is to learn about students' experiences with peer review in online and hybrid writing courses. Gaining student responses to these questions is critical for understanding effective strategies for peer review that help students improve their writing. Your perspective on what makes peer review effective or ineffective is important and can help to strengthen online and hybrid writing courses at [your institution] and beyond.

You have the opportunity to participate in the research in one of two ways: you can consent to observation, or you can consent to both observation and interview. As a thank you, students who agree to be observed will be entered into a drawing to win **one of four \$30 Amazon gift cards**. **All students who participate in an interview will receive an additional \$20 Amazon gift card.**

Consenting to an observation means:

- I will observe your interactions with your peer review group, which might include physically observing and audio recording a face-to-face session, attending and screen-capturing a video chat, and/or reviewing and taking screenshots of your contributions to the course website. I will only observe your group if all group members have consented to observation. I will select a group to observe by cross referencing the student consent forms with a list of peer review groups that your instructor provides. All recordings will be stored on a Google Drive folder accessible only to the research team. Your likeness and/or voice may be distributed in conference presentations, publications, or reports, but only if you give us permission to do so (see below); otherwise, observational data will be reported on as written transcriptions with pseudonyms.
- I will review the feedback you give to your peers and the feedback you receive, as well as the drafts you produce as part of the peer-review workshop. If we refer to or quote from the materials in reports, we remove any identifying information.

Consenting to an interview means:

- You will participate in one 30-45 minute, audio recorded interview, where I ask you about your experiences in the peer-review workshop that I observed. The interviews will either take place in person or via video chat. Audio recordings will be stored on a Google Drive folder only accessible to the research team; data from interviews will only be reported on as written transcriptions with pseudonyms.

Your participation in the study is completely voluntary and will have zero impact on your performance in the course. You may also choose to stop

participating at any time by simply emailing me [include address] and asking to be removed from the study. To protect your confidentiality, all identifying information (e.g., your name, your group members' names, your instructor, etc.) will be removed from observation field notes and interview transcripts; we will always use pseudonyms to refer to participants in presentations, publications, or reports.

If you participate in a face-to-face or synchronous video session that we record, then it is possible that you might be identified as a research participant, but the risk of participating in this study is no more than what you would experience in everyday life. Furthermore, I will only distribute your likeness and/or recorded conversation if you give permission (see below).

We will select one peer review group from each class (two classes from each institution, for a total of 8 peer review groups). If more than one peer review group in your class contains students who all consented to both observation and interviews, then we will randomly select a group to observe and interview.

By typing your name and email address below, you consent to this research and confirm that you are at least 18 years old. [open response]

Please also indicate whether you are willing to be observed and/or interviewed. Students who consent to the peer review observation will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$30 Amazon gift cards. **Students who participate in an interview will each receive an additional \$20 Amazon gift card.**

- ☐ I consent to being observed and interviewed.
- ☐ I consent to being observed but not interviewed.
- ☐ Finally, please indicate your preferences regarding our use of video recordings:
- ☐ If I am part of an observation that is recorded, I consent to my likeness and/or voice being used in presentations, publications, or reports.
- ☐ Recordings of my likeness and/or voice may be distributed, but only if my likeness is blurred.
- ☐ Recordings with my likeness and/or voice may not be distributed; please only report on observational data in the form of written transcripts that use pseudonyms.
- ☐ I am enrolled in an asynchronous online course, so this issue does not apply to me.

This project has been approved by the Institutional Review Boards [at institutions A, B, C, and D] for the Protection of Human Subjects (phone XXX.XXX.XXXX).