

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PARTICIPANT POOL (URPP)

Summer (SU): May 11th – August 12th, 2020

✉ Email: urpp@yorku.ca

WHAT IS URPP?

The URPP is the Department of Psychology's participant recruitment pool. A portion of students' overall grade in PSYC1010 (4%) is based on participation in research via URPP. To earn the full 4%:

- Participate in 8 hours of research during the URPP Summer Term (**May 11th – August 12th, 2020**)
 - Each 30-minute of research participation = 0.5 URPP Credit.
- A grade out of 4% will be calculated according to number of credits earned (out of 8).
- *Note:* We recommend participating in research ASAP. Studies are posted throughout the term, but those who leave their URPP participation until the last-minute may be unable to earn full credits due to simple supply and demand.

HOW DO I GET A URPP ACCOUNT?

- Go to <http://yorku.sona-systems.com> and "Request an Account".
- Use your York email address (@my.yorku.ca *NOT* @yorku.ca).
- *IMPORTANT:* Ensure your student number and course section are input correctly.
- Keep a record of your unique URPP ID code. This is an anonymous ID to ensure all data you provide are kept confidential and cannot be tied to you directly. Researchers need your URPP ID to provide credit.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN STUDIES?

- *Login*
 - Receive login info via email (may take up to 24-48 hours). Visit <http://yorku.sona-systems.com> to login to account.
- *Pre-Screen Questionnaire*
 - When you first login you have the chance to voluntarily answer about 20-minutes worth of questions about yourself. Answering these will give you a wider variety of studies to choose from, making it easier to earn your 4%.
- *Signing up for studies*
 - Log in to your account to browse and sign up for studies that fit your schedule and interests. You will get 0.5 credits for every 30 minutes of participation (e.g., 1-hour study = 1.0 credit).
 - See detailed instructions and FAQs at: <https://psyc.info.yorku.ca/research/undergraduate-research-participation-pool-u-r-p-p/undergraduate-research-participant-pool/>
- *Code of Conduct*
 - Signing up for a study is like signing a contract. If you fail to uphold your end of the bargain, you can be penalized. If you sign up for a study, you may cancel up to 24-hours before the study end time and date.
 - If you fail to cancel your study enrollment within 24-hours of the end time and date, then contact the researcher immediately (contact info on study description page via URPP).
 - In the event you do not complete a study you signed up, cancel it, or contact the researcher, **you will be penalized and required to complete extra hours to earn your full 4% grade.** (For example, if a study is worth 1.0 URPP credit and you do not complete it, you will be penalized 1.0 credit. You now must earn 9 credits for the full 4%).
- *Right to Withdraw*
 - As part of ethical procedures, participants have the right to withdraw at any time during the course of a study without penalty. If you feel uncomfortable for whatever reason about continuing in a study once you've begun, please withdraw and contact the researcher immediately to inform them (contact info on study description page via URPP).
- *Appeals*
 - If you think you have not received appropriate credit for participating in a study, contact the researchers responsible for the study in question first (contact info found on study description page via URPP).
 - Formal appeals week occurs at the end of the term (August 13th – August 19th). You should check your account to ensure all your credits are accurate. **No appeals will be considered after appeals week.**

WHAT IF I DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH? IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO EARN MY 4%?

- In lieu of research participation, students may opt to submit a 5-page paper summarizing a psychological research article to earn the 4% grade (detailed instructions to follow after sign-up).
- This option is referred to as the *Paper Stream*. Students who wish to choose this option **must email the URPP (urpp@yorku.ca) by June 1st, 2020** to inform of your decision.
- Late notification of the Paper Stream option will not be accepted. Papers will be marked by TAs and earn a grade out of 4%.
- SUBMISSION DATE: **August 5th, 2020**

IMPORTANT DATES

- *URPP Starts*: May 11th, 2020
- *URPP Ends*: August 12th, 2020
- *Paper Stream (opt-in)*: June 1st, 2020
- *Paper Stream (submission due)*: August 5th, 2020
- *Appeals Week*: August 13th – August 19th, 2020