



# Online Consent Form

You are invited to participate in a voluntary research study. The purpose of this study is to understand people's experiences during and after they complete a REBOOT course.

Participating in this study will involve completing three online surveys that will take approximately 15 minutes each. Risks related to this research include the possibility that you may feel sad or upset when thinking about your life experiences. Benefits related to this research include providing information to help people cope with trauma in the future.

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## **What procedures are involved?**

If you choose to participate, you will complete three online surveys that take approximately 15 minutes each. We expect that approximately 300 people will participate.

You will complete the surveys using the device of your choosing (i.e., computer, phone, tablet) at the time and location of your convenience.

The survey will ask questions about your background, your well-being, your mental health, your view of yourself, and your outlook on life. To the best of our knowledge, the questions pose no more risk of harm than you would experience in everyday life.

## **Will my study-related information be kept confidential?**

Faculty, staff, students, and others with permission or authority to see your study information will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted and required by laws and university policies. The names or personal identifiers of participants will not be published or presented. Your course leader will not have access to your data.

## **Will I be reimbursed for any expenses or paid for my participation in this research?**

No, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing you helped improve REBOOT for the future.

## **Can I withdraw or be removed from the study?**

If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time. Your participation in this research is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate, or to withdraw after beginning participation, will not affect your current or future dealings with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or REBOOT. The researchers also have the right to stop your participation in this study without your consent if they believe it is in your best interests.

## **Will data collected from me be used for any other research?**

We will keep the information we collect about you during this research study for study recordkeeping and for potential use in future research projects. De-identified data from this study may be shared with the research community in journal articles, book chapters, and presentations.



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**Who should I contact if I have questions?**

If you have questions about this project, you may contact Dr. Leanne Knobloch at 217-333-8913 or knobl@illinois.edu. If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office for the Protection of Research Subjects at 217-333-2670 or via email at [irb@illinois.edu](mailto:irb@illinois.edu).

A copy of this consent form is available at <https://rebootrecovery.com/survey>.

I have read and understand the above consent form. I certify that I am 18 years old or older. By clicking the "I CONSENT" button to enter the survey, I indicate my willingness to voluntarily take part in this study.

**I CONSENT**

**I CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE**