

Psychology Research Pool

Research participation is an integral part of Psychology. Students will learn about how psychological research is conducted and they may be inspired to conduct their own psychology research during their undergraduate studies. Therefore, we are highly encouraging students to participate in research studies that appeal to their interests.

Advantages for having the Psychology Research Pool:

- For student participants:

Participating in different research studies will give the undergraduate students valuable experience in how psychological research is conducted before they are required to conduct any by themselves.

- For student and faculty members:

The Psychology Research Pool will allow both students and faculty to be aware of the active areas of research recently in progress under the Department of Psychology. Students may be introduced to potential research supervisors, and may brainstorm some ideas in selecting the research topics. At the same time, it enhances productive collaboration between faculty members.

- For research supervisors, researches and research assistants:

Psychology Research Pool enables easy access for researches and research assistants to recruit volunteers within the school.

What is the Psychology Research Pool?

The Psychology Research Pool is a secure place where all the confidential information, such as the personal details of volunteers, is kept. Promoting research studies, recruiting participants, and arranging room for running research are the primary task of the Psychology Research Pool. Also, the Psychology Research Pool will retain the records for students who participated in research, to ensure they will receive their bonus points added onto their final grade at the end of the semester.

Where is Psychology Research Pool?

There are two sites for the Psychology Research Pool: one is located on the Surrey campus (Room: D214, Tel: 604-599-2161), and the other one is located on the Richmond campus (Room: 2400, Tel: 604-599-2527). They will open during their regular open hours, so please check the schedule from the department website. You may also drop in for a visit or call in during those open hours, as well.

Information for Participants:

How to Sign Up for Research Study?

Please check the bulletin board across from D214 (Surrey Campus), Room 2400 (Richmond Campus) or visit the Psychology Research Pool website under Kwantlen Psychology Department website:

http://www.kwantlen.ca/socialsciences/psychology/research_pool.html

New research studies will be posted and updated often, so please check the bulletin board or the website once a week.

Once you have found the research you are interested in participating, please go to the Psychology Research Pool site (Surrey: D214 / Richmond: 2400) to sign up. Please ask the lab assistants for the sign up sheet, and fill in the required information. Your email address is important contact information for the research assistants to remind you of your appointment. It's first come first serve; the earlier you sign up, the more days you can plan for your appointment time.

Please write down the date, time and place of the appointment, along with the name of the person who is conducting or assisting the research study you had signed up for. It is important as a reminder for yourself, and in case you want to cancel the appointment for personal reasons, you can contact the researchers or research assistants immediately.

After signing up: Please be punctual for your research study appointment. If you are more than 10 minutes late, the researcher is not obligated to allow you to participate except under special circumstance. If you had missed your appointment three times without any notice given a day prior to the appointment, you are not eligible to sign up for any research studies from the Psychology Research Pool. However, you can still earn your research credits/bonus point by completing written article summary reports (please see section: Alternatives to research studies participation).

After completing the research study (if participation bonus is offered to your course): Please finish the bonus record form provided by the researchers/ research assistants with your personal information, course and section numbers. The record will be sent to Psych Lab within 5 business days for data entry, and participants can visit the Psych Lab to check their participation records after.

It is crucial to help the researchers to protect their on-going research studies in order to prevent invalid results. Therefore, please don't share certain parts of the studies you had participated with your classmates and friends upon the researchers' request.

Important: Research credit/ bonus point will be given for the approved studies that appear on the Psychology Research Pool bulletin board or Psychology Research Pool website only.

The points rewarded for research credit will be distributed differently based on your instructor. Please check your course outline or contact psychology lab instructor, Ivy Ng, for more detail.

Alternatives to research studies participation

Options for students who:

are less than 19 years old

or are not interested in participating in any research studies

or cannot spend time after school for participating

Options:

1. If you are not feeling comfortable after completing the study, you can request the data from your participation not be used in analysis. You will still receive your credits from your participation.
2. If you don't want to participate in a research study as a subject, but are interested in learning about the research, you may contact the researcher or the research assistant to walk you through the experiment. He/she will introduce the procedure and some information about the research study he/she is running to you. You will still receive your credits from walking through the experiment.
3. Written article summary report: Please get the form for the report from the Psychology Research Pool sites. Instructions are attached with the form, so please complete it according to the instruction and hand it by the last day of class to the Psychology Research Pool sites.