

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES STUDY INFORMATION SHEET *2014 Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey*

The Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) is conducting a research study.

As an incoming college student, you were selected as a possible participant in this study. Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

### **Why is this study being done?**

This study is designed to determine what happens to students when they attend college. Since 1965, over 15 million students at over 1,900 colleges and universities have participated in this research. The data gathered are used in studies designed to better understand student learning and development and to help improve the quality of college education.

### **What will happen if I take part in this research study?**

To participate in this study, please complete the attached survey and return it to the designated person at your campus (if you complete a paper form) or submit it via the Internet (if you complete an on-line form). Most respondents complete this questionnaire in about 25 minutes, although individual progress will vary by how quickly you move through the questions.

You may decide not to complete the survey for any reason at any time without consequence of any kind. The Higher Education Research Institute does not offer payment for participation. Your participation and return of the enclosed questionnaire indicate your consent to participate in the study.

### **Are there any potential risks or discomforts that I can expect from this study?**

There could be survey items that you are uncomfortable answering or to which you would simply prefer not to respond.

### **Are there any potential benefits if I participate?**

You may have the opportunity to reflect on your prior academic experiences and your expectations for college as you complete the survey, which may enhance self-understanding. Your responses to the survey also will be directly beneficial to your college or university, and may benefit future generations of college students as well.

### **Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?**

Please note that your responses will be used for research purposes only and will be strictly confidential. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential. It will only be disclosed with your permission and or as required by law. Your identified responses will be returned to your institution for institutional assessment purposes. Before receiving any responses your school is required to certify in advance that the data will only be used for research purposes and will not be used to investigate specific individuals.

### **What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

- You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time.
- Whatever decision you make, there will be no penalty to you, and no loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.
- You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

### **Who can I contact if I have questions about this study?**

- **The research team:**  
If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please contact Dr. Kevin Eagan, Interim Managing Director of HERI at [heri@ucla.edu](mailto:heri@ucla.edu) or by phone at: (310) 825-1925.
- **UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP):**  
If you have questions about your rights while taking part in this study, or you have concerns or suggestions and you want to talk to someone other than the researchers about the study, please call the OHRPP at (310) 825-7122 or write to:

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