Elicitation Exemption Form

For eliciting non-indigenous language data

"Elicitation" involves asking a speaker or speakers to produce words or phrases, provide grammaticality judgments, discuss their understanding/interpretation/acceptance of phrases produced by the researcher, without the use of a formal experimental protocol.

"Elicitation" excludes any research in which individual responses to personal questions are reported, sociolinguistic interviews (which ask participants to describe personal experiences), and research involving instrumentation such as ultrasound and palatography. However, recording is permitted.

As a general guideline, "elicitation" covers innocuous approaches to learning what a speaker knows about their language, approaches which cannot result in harm to them. Other forms of research may involve an unequal power relationship between the researcher and participant(s) and the participants must therefore be protected by oversight from the REB.


Please check the appropriate items.

_____ I have read the “Language Consulting is Standard Professional Practice” document.

_____ My research methods for this project are fully contained within those described in the above document. I am not using any experimental, interview, or invasive methods, nor conversation of a personal nature, as part of this protocol.

If you have checked both items above, please provide the following information and submit this form to the DERC Head. If not, please check for further guidance at: https://www.linguistics.utoronto.ca/node/research-ethics

Name: _______________________________________________________

Please circle your status:

Undergraduate student  Graduate Student  Faculty  Other: ____________

If this research is for a course (including a Generals Paper), provide the course number, term, and instructor/supervisor: Course #: ________ Term: _____ Instructor: _______

I will be eliciting data in this/these language(s): ________________________________

Time period for data collection and analysis: ________________________________

Signature of researcher _____________________________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of DERC member ___________________________________________ Date: ____________