

RECRUITMENT EMAIL TO STUDENTS

Subject: Research Participants Call – Seeking Rady Faculty of Health Students for AI-VR Simulation Study

Dear Students,

We are currently seeking students from Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba to participate in virtual reality simulation and join us in focus groups. These focus groups will discuss your experiences with artificial intelligence-enhanced virtual reality (AI-VR) simulations and explore the differences and similarities between AI-VR and standardized patient/simulated participant (SP) simulations in terms of their effectiveness in health care education.

As participants, you will first complete an anonymous survey to indicate your demographic data and if you have participated in AI-VR and/or SP simulations. This will be followed by participating in simulation sessions both with AI-VR and an SP. The focus groups will consist of 6-8 students and will be held in a private room at the University of Manitoba, Bannatyne Campus. The total session will take no longer than two hours. The discussions will be audio recorded and then transcribed. The audio files will be deleted as soon as the transcripts have been reviewed and verified by the research team. Participation is voluntary and will not impact your standing in your program, whether you choose to participate or not. Each participant will receive a \$25 gift card for volunteering their time.

Sessions will be held from 5-7 PM on: Sept 9, 11, 16 and 18

If you are interested in participating, please contact the co-investigator, Dr. Caroline Hougen, at umhougen@myumanitoba.ca to be included in the study and specify which date you are interested in.

This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Manitoba, Fort Garry campus. If you have any concerns or complaints about this project you may contact any of the below-named persons or the Human Ethics Officer at 204-474-7122 or HumanEthics@umanitoba.ca.

Thank you in advance!

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