

After completing the WEBCT Vista Training participants will be asked to complete a Web-based survey.

Note that the survey forms are to be developed as part of the project tasks during Phase 1. In the web survey, participants will be asked to check a box indicating their consent to participate after reading full informed consent text. The following is the informed consent text:

Before agreeing to participate in this research study, it is important that you read and understand the following explanation of the purpose and benefits of the study and how it will be conducted.

Title of Study: Project IMPACT in Public Libraries

Principal Investigator: Philip Turner, University of North Texas (UNT) Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (CTLA)

Purpose of the Study: As a LE@D course participant, you are being asked to participate in a research study to assess the impact of Web base training implementations on participants. Project IMPACT in Public Libraries, in partnership with the University of North Texas Center for Testing, Learning, & Assessment and the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services, is conducting a study of the experiences of participants in the Library @the Desktop training materials. Our goal is to find ways to improve the training and learning experiences of participants by asking you questions in this web survey. Roughly 400 participants across the United States will be asked to take part in this study.

Study Procedures: This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. It includes questions about the learning objectives, your work experiences as they relate to the course learning objectives, your satisfaction with the course, and your thoughts on the applicability of the training to your everyday work environment. Answering any or all of these questions is voluntary. Your employer will not receive the results of this survey and you will in no way be affected by your choice to participate or not to participate in this survey. You may refuse to answer any of the questions if you like, and you may stop the survey at any time.

Foreseeable Risks: There are no known risks to participating in this study; however, please note that Internet communications are not secure.

Benefits to the Subjects or Others:

You will get no direct benefit from being a part of this study; however, your participation will help us better understand ways to improve the training experience.

Procedures for Maintaining Confidentiality of Research Records:

To protect your privacy, survey data will be stored under a code number, and your e-mail address will be kept separate from your survey responses. Your confidentiality of your individual information (e-mail address and other facts that might identify you or your library) will not appear when we present this study or publish its results.

Questions about the Study: If you have any questions about how the study works, you can contact Dr. Philip Turner, the Project IMPACT in Public Libraries Principle Investigator for the survey, at (940) 565-4462.

Review for the Protection of Participants: This research study has been reviewed and approved by the UNT Institutional Review Board (IRB). The UNT IRB can be contacted at (940) 565-3940 with any questions regarding the rights of research subjects.

Research Participants' Rights:

Your signature below indicates that you have read or have had read to you all of the above and that you confirm all of the following:

Project Impact in Public Libraries/PI Phil Turner

You have been told the possible benefits and the potential risks and/or discomforts of the study. You understand that you do not have to take part in this study, and your refusal to participate or your decision to withdraw will involve no penalty or loss of rights or benefits. The study personnel may choose to stop your participation at any time. You understand why the study is being conducted and how it will be performed. You understand your rights as a research participant and you voluntarily consent to participate in this study. You may print a copy of this form for your records.

Please indicate whether or not you consent to participate below. If you indicate that you consent, the survey will be launched.

I consent to participate

I do not consent to participate