

# Informed Consent for Reviewing parliament’s academic fellowship scheme

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Please highlight your choice by clicking inside the appropriate box

1. Taking part in the study

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| I have read and understood the information sheet for the following study: Reviewing Parliament’s Academic Fellowship Scheme, or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about my participation and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. | YES | NO |
| I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions I am not comfortable with and I can withdraw from the study at any time by contacting Dr Rajiv Prabhakar (rajiv.prabhakar@open.ac.uk) up until August 31 2023, without having to give a reason. | YES | NO |
| I understand that taking part in the study involves an audio or online recorded interview | YES | NO |
| I agree to the interview being audio or online recorded (though not video recorded) | YES | NO |

2. Use of the information in the study

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| I understand that information I provide will be used for a report published by the Knowledge Exchange Unit and possibly for a submission for an academic journal. Any information will only be shared in a fully anonymised form. | YES | NO |
| I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name or where I live, will not be shared beyond the study team. | YES | NO |
| I understand that my data will be stored on a password protected computer for the duration of the project (until end of August 2023) after which time it will be destroyed. | YES | NO |
| I agree to being quoted anonymously. | YES | NO |

3. Future use and reuse of the information by others

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| I give permission for a fully anonymised transcript that I provide to be deposited in a specialist data centre after it has been anonymised, so it can be used for future research and learning.  Consent forms will be kept as long as the transcripts are retained by the archive. The original consent forms will be digitised and stored securely (encrypted), permitting the originals to then be destroyed securely by means of shredding | YES | NO |

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| I would like to receive a copy of the summary of the findings of this study.  *Please insert your email address in the space below if you answer ‘yes’*  Email address ……………………………………………………………….. | YES | NO |

4. Signatures

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| **Name of participant  [in CAPITALS]**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Signature**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **(electronic signatures may be accepted** | **Date**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

For participants unable to sign their name, please mark the box instead of signing

Please include one of the statements below at the bottom of the consent form (delete as applicable)

This research project has been reviewed by, and received a favourable opinion from, The Open University Human Research Ethics Committee – HREC reference number: 4497