

## **Participant Information Sheet for student Interviews**

**Study Title:** An Exploratory Study of the Pedagogical Perspective of Authoring Multimedia Artefacts (AMA) in the Context of Initial English Language Teacher Education (IELTE) in Oman

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**Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.**

### ***What is the research about?***

I am conducting this research project for a PhD at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, and it is funded by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman. The aim of this study is to explore authoring multimedia artefacts (AMA) as a learning approach in the context of initial English language teacher education (IELTE) from the perspective of students, teachers, prospective employers and policy makers. AMA stands on the idea that learners learn better by engaging in a process of creating multimedia artefacts to demonstrate their learning acquisition. The overall aim of this study is to inform pedagogical practice and educational reform processes currently underway in Oman.

### ***Why have I been chosen?***

In order to achieve the aims of the study, I would like to know your own views as an IELTE student towards AMA. Special emphasis is to be given to the implications of AMA to three areas: learning engagement, learning pedagogy, and learning environment. These areas are important to elicit from a student perspective in order to understand how students perceive this learning approach, and its perceived usefulness and relevance to learning in higher education. Therefore, you have been selected to participate in this study because you are an expert in your field and because your views are valuable to enrich the understanding of this area of practice.

### ***What will be required of me to participate?***

A number of relevant questions will be addressed in the interview. You are expected to consider all questions carefully and provide your honest input in response to each question. There are no right or wrong answers. The interview is expected to last from one to one and a half hour. Please note that the interview will be audio recorded and your answers will be used for the purpose of this research.

### ***Are there any risks involved?***

Note that this research project is committed to abide by the Data Protection Acts of the University of Southampton. No potential risks are foreseen regarding your participation and shared views. You also have the right to refuse to answer any question and withdraw from the interview at any time. The information you contribute will be anonymized and protected to help maintain the confidentiality of the data. All data will be stored in a password protected computer, and only the researcher will have access to the true identity of participants.

Should you decide to take part in this research, kindly fill in the consent form and then return it to me so I can sign it. Should you request a copy for your personal records, I will be happy to provide you with one. Do not hesitate to contact me for further details at any time. In case of emergency, concern or complaint, kindly contact the Research Integrity and Governance Manager (+44 (0) 2380 595058, [rginfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rginfo@soton.ac.uk)).

Thank you for taking the time to read the information sheet and considering taking part in this research.

Yours sincerely,

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