

Dear student

You are being invited to participate in a research to empirically compare the effectiveness of brainstorming, EPMcreate, and power-only EPMcreate as innovative creativity fostering techniques.

This research will require about 2.5 hours of your time, divided into 2 meetings.

During the first meeting you will sign the consent form, you will fill the general information form, and you will write the Williams Creativity Test. The goal of the test is to help the investigator to explain and analyze the outcomes of the requirements elicitation session. During the second meeting you will participate in the elicitation session to generate ideas for the computer-based system using your assigned creativity fostering technique.

Your participation in the research will significantly contribute to the body of knowledge in requirements elicitation. Your time and effort will help to further mature and grow the science of requirements engineering. At the end of the research, you will have access to the completed study. You may benefit from being exposed to new techniques in requirements elicitation that you will be able to use effectively in your professional career

All data collected will be confidential. Since you will identify yourself by only your unique serial number in the three documents you give to the investigator, you will not be identifiable either directly or indirectly in either verbal or written reports. Thus, information obtained in this research is strictly confidential.

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate, you will receive \$20 cash for your time and trouble. However, you may withdraw from the study at any time for any reason. If you do this, all information from you will be destroyed and your remuneration will be \$10 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this study, or would like additional information to assist you in reaching a decision about participation, please contact me by email at vsakhnin@uwaterloo.ca.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me via the e-mail

Thank you

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