Participants information for participation in research

Feasibility study regarding the "Genderful Research World": an interactive sex and gender resource platform for scientists in health

Introduction

Dear health researchers,

We hereby invite you to participate in a feasibility study regarding the development of a new interactive resource platform for sex and gender resources: the Genderful Research World. This study is hosted and coordinated by the Vrije Universiteit Medical Center (VUmc). Before you decide whether you want to participate in this study, we will explain the study in detail below. Please read all information and feel free to ask the researcher for more information if you have any questions. You can also talk about it with your colleagues, friends or family.

1. Aim of the study

Despite the evidence on the impact of sex and gender on health, research methods continue to neglect sex and gender considerations in the biomedical and health sciences. Currently, many initiatives and key resources exist to support researchers, including resource lists, online checklists, fact sheets and training modules. However, such resources can be hard to find, busy and overwhelming. As a result, finding relevant resources can be too time consuming and not meeting researchers' needs. The Genderful Research World (GRW) platform has the goal to support scientists in health who are looking for resources on how to integrate sex and gender into their own research. Our research consortium has developed a web-based interactive platform, in collaboration with ZonMw and a professional web developer. GRW provides an overview of key resources for each stage of biomedical and clinical/health research. Resources were identified and selected by a rapid review, with a special focus on resources affiliated with Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute for Gender and Health (CIHR-IGH) and the European Gendered Innovations project. In an interactive way, researchers can navigate through several stages of their research process and explore linked references from these existing platforms. In this study, the prototype of the 'Genderful Research World' will be tested among a group of

international health researchers to study the feasibility of this interactive sex and gender resource platform.

2. What does participation entail?

Participation in this feasibility study entails a one-time active visit to the GRW pilot platform and afterwards provide us feedback from your user experience. If you decide to participate in this feasibility study, we invite you to visit the GRW website, fill in the informed consent form before entering the interactive parts of the GRW and our evaluation questionnaire. We will ask you to navigate through the GRW and fill in an evaluation questionnaire at the end regarding the applicability, desirability and usability of this interactive data resources platform. Participation in this feasibility study will take approximately 20-30 minutes of your time (10-15min visit on the GRW pilot platform and 10-15min to fill in the evaluation questionnaire).

3. Possible advantages and disadvantages

There is no direct advantage or disadvantage for you from participating in our GRW feasibility study.

4. If you don't want to participate or want to quit the study

Participation in this feasibility study is completely voluntary and anonymous. Even when you have decided to participate, you can stop your participation at any time without the need to provide notice or reason.

5. Your data

The feasibility questionnaire will record limited demographic data and will be processed anonymously. Your answers to the feasibility questionnaire will be linked to a random participant code and the data cannot be traced back to you during and after participation. Your data will remain anonymous and will not be shared beyond the study team. Your data is stored for the duration of the investigation and saved for the legal duration of maximum of 10 years, after which all data will be deleted.

6. More information about your rights during processing your data

For more information about your rights during processing your data you can contact the researchers of this study at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam via l.d.sialino@vu.nl. Lena Sialino is responsible for processing the data for this feasibility study.

In case you are unsatisfied with how your privacy is being protected you can file a complaint at the Functionaris Gegevensbescherming via functionarisgegevensbescherming@vu.nl . You can also access the Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens via https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/.

7. Compensation for participating

There is no compensation for participation is this study.

8. Questions?

For questions you can contact Lena Sialino.

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Thank you for your attention.