

ADDENDUM A



FULL CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION, TO SUPPORT VERBAL CONSENT REQUEST BY TELEPHONIC INTERVIEWER

Hello, I am Glenda Kruss, from the Human Sciences Research Council.

We are asking academics to participate in a study that aims to map the ways in which they extend their knowledge through research, teaching or service to the direct benefit of external social partners. We hope to learn more about community engagement and the contribution of university interaction to building a national system of innovation, which we hope will benefit your institution and possibly other institutions and communities in the future.

We have chosen to focus on five universities that offer differing strengths, and have many potential cases of interaction, which is why we have selected University of Pretoria.

The telephonic interview will last around 15 minutes. We will be asking some questions that you may not have thought about before, and which involve thinking about your academic scholarship over the past two years. Who are the external social partners with whom you engage directly – if at all? What are the most common types of relationships and channels of interaction? We will also ask academics to reflect on the typical outcomes and benefits, and the obstacles to interaction with external social partners.

Please understand that you are not obliged to take part in this study and the choice whether to participate is yours alone. However, we would really appreciate it if you do share your thoughts and experiences with us. If you choose not to take part, you will not be affected in any way. If you agree to participate, you may stop the interviewer at any time and tell him or her that you do not want to continue, and you will NOT be prejudiced in ANY way.

We will be recording your name on the interview schedule if you agree with this, but it will not be linked to the answers you give and will not be made public in the research outputs generated from this study. Only the core HSRC research team will have access to the unlinked information.

If you do agree to take part in this study, please note that there will be no direct benefit to you, but your university may benefit in terms of its strategic planning. The HSRC would like to inform your institution of the aggregated trends and what this means for academics in your university. We are collaborating with the Executive member responsible for Community Engagement at the University of Pretoria and the Directorate of Community Engagement in this regard.

The study has been approved by the HSRC Research Ethics Committee, and by the Faculty of Humanities Research Ethics Committee at University of Pretoria.

If you are harmed or have any concerns

If you feel that you have been harmed in any way by participating in this study, please call the HSRC's tollfree ethics hotline 0800 212 123 or the REC Administrator at the Human Sciences Research Council, Vusi Skosana on 012-302 2009.

If you need more information about the project, please call the project leader, Dr. Glenda Kruss, on 021-466 8086 or 021-466 8093, or on email, gkruss@hsrc.ac.za