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### The role of collegiality in academic work

#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

**(1) What is the study about?**

You are invited to participate in the third phase of a research project on the role of collegiality in academic work. The study explores how the idea of collegiality in academic work is constructed, maintained, contested, and negotiated, and how it shapes academics' collective perceptions, attitudes, and approaches to changes in Higher Education sector. For further information please visit the project website: <http://collegialitystudy.wordpress.com/>

**(2) Who is carrying out the study?**

The study is conducted by Dr Tai Peseta, and Ms Giedre Kligyte (PhD Candidate), from the Faculty of Education and Social Work at The University of Sydney. The research will form the basis of Ms Giedre Kligyte's doctoral research at The University of Sydney under the supervision of Dr Tai Peseta and Professor Simon Barrie.

**(3) Who can participate in the research?**

We are inviting academics who have developed collegial practices in various sites of academic practice, such as research, teaching and community engagement, to participate in this study.

**(4) What does the study involve?**

The phases one and two of this study have been completed. We are inviting you to participate in phase three of the study.

Phase three: individual interviews

You are invited to participate in an individual semi-structured interview (approx. 60-90mins). It is expected that the interview will take place at your local university site or via teleconference at a time mutually agreed upon. The interview will cover a range of topics related to collegial practices in academic work, and your experiences of being involved in or leading research, teaching and community engagement work in your academic context. Interviews will be audio-recorded and transcribed verbatim.

**(5) Can I withdraw from the study?**

Participation in this research is entirely your choice. Should you choose not to participate, it will not affect your relationship with The University of Sydney.

**(6) Will anyone else know the results?**

The personal details of participants will be strictly confidential and only the researchers will have access to this information. It is anticipated that academics' broad disciplinary area will be identified as part of the study's dissemination and that the university contexts will be referred to only by their institutional characteristics: type, size, etc. This research will form the basis for Giedre Kligyte's PhD thesis and reports of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such reports.

**(7) Will the study benefit me?**

Given the changing nature of higher education, many people who work in universities find it beneficial to think and talk about how they perceive and approach their work, and what influences their views on aspects of it (e.g. collegiality).

**(8) What if I require further information about the study or my involvement in it?**

Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or you have questions, please contact the research team at [giedre.kligyte@sydney.edu.au](mailto:giedre.kligyte@sydney.edu.au) or by telephoning +61 449146452.

**(9) What if I have a complaint or any concerns?**

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact The Manager, Human Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on +61 2 8627 8176 (Telephone); +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile) or [ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au](mailto:ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au) (Email).

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