

Email Subject Line: Interview on LGBTQIA+ Student Experiences in STEM

Dear Student,

If you identify as LGBTQIA+ and are pursuing a Bachelor's degree in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program, we would like to conduct an interview with you about your experiences. The interview will take no more than 40 minutes and will be conducted via videoconference or by phone. For participating in the interview, you will receive a \$25 Amazon electronic gift card. If you are interested in participating in the interview, please contact me immediately at chrystal.smith@uconn.edu to schedule an appointment.

This interview is part of the NSF-funded study titled, "Measuring the Effects of Academic Climate and Social Networks on Persistence of STEM Undergraduates." being conducted by researchers at the University of Connecticut (UConn) and the University of South Florida (USF) to gain a better understanding of the experiences and perceptions of LGBTQIA+ undergraduates in STEM Programs.

Dr. Chrystal A. S. Smith is the Principal Investigator of this study, which has been approved by the University of Connecticut Institutional Research Board (H17-188). All the information that you share with us will be kept confidential. This information will be kept on the UConn computer server which is password protected. Study records will be kept for at minimum of three years.

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Best regards,
Chrystal

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