

Note: Some of the required recruitment statement elements include: the name, title, and contact information for the Principal Investigator, who is eligible to participate, who should not participate (e.g. someone at special risk), and potential risks of participation.

Sample Recruitment Statement

Hi,

My name is ***** and I am currently a senior at Southwestern University, pursuing a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology. For my senior Capstone sociology research project, I am interested in studying how the passage of S.B. 11, the Concealed Campus Carry law, has affected the student-professor dynamic. More specifically, I would like to speak with you in a semi-structured interview over the phone.

This interview will be centered around your own personal experiences working at the University of Texas at Austin before and after the passage of S.B. 11, and how such a policy has affected student interactions in classrooms, offices, or public campus spaces.

Given the focus of the research, those eligible to participate include male tenured or tenure-track professors at the University of Texas at Austin. Anyone under the age of 18 is ineligible. Participation within this research is completely voluntary. No compensation is offered, but you will be given a copy of the transcribed interview and a copy of my paper once completed.

I would interview you for approximately 45 minutes - 1 hour and record our conversation. You will have the opportunity to make adjustments to the transcription before I use it in my research.

The risks of participation are minimal; beliefs about guns and gun-carrying behaviors are naturally sensitive and at times can make for an uncomfortable discussion. However, your identity will be kept confidential with the use of a pseudonym, and any identifying characteristics will be removed or masked.

Data gathered from this interview will be used for my sociology Capstone paper, and will be presented at Southwestern University to a panel of professors as well as any members of the public who wish to attend. This paper could also potentially be presented at a sociological conference or submitted for publication in academic publications. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Dr.****, the capstone professor and principal investigator, at ****@southwestern.edu.

Please contact me at ****@southwestern.edu or (***) ***** if you are interested in participating within this study. I hope to hear your thoughts on this important and interesting issue! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Thank you,