Exploring the 'pulse' of Australian higher education internationalisation

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You are invited to participate in a research project about internationalisation in Australian higher education. This study will explore how students, staff (academic and professional) and researchers perceive the effectiveness and importance of current internationalisation strategies. This document will provide you with information about the study, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research. Please take the time to read this information carefully. Please contact <u>Dr Samantha Marangell</u> with any questions.

About this survey

The purpose of this project is to help universities improve their internationalisation approaches by understanding how key internationalisation strategies are perceived among key stakeholders within the higher education sector, including students, staff, and experts in the field. The survey will ask you to rate the importance and difficulty of implementing of a few predominant internationalisation strategies. It should take approximately 5 minutes, and no more than 10 minutes, to complete.

How will my responses be analysed?

Responses from this survey will be aggregated; meaning we will not analyse individual participants' responses nor analyse results by the individual institution. We will identify only overall patterns in perceptions of each stakeholder group. For example, students' responses will be aggregated together, as will those of university staff. However, the survey will ask you to list the university with which you are predominantly affiliated, which will ensure that a relatively balanced number of responses are provided from across the country.

What are the possible benefits?

Findings from this project will assist Australian universities and the higher education sector in developing comprehensive internationalisation approaches that can sustain future periods of uncertainty. At the completion of the survey, you will have the option of participating in a draw for one of 20 gift cards, each worth \$100.

What are the possible risks?

There are no known risks involved. Your identity will not be known to the researchers and no personal information or contact information will be collected. Survey responses will not be traceable to individual participants.

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation is completely voluntary and your decision to participate or withdraw will not affect your relationship with the researchers or their universities in any way. You may cease responding to the survey by closing your browser, but partial responses may be retained. If you would like your responses to be withdrawn entirely, including from the gift card draw, please email Dr Samantha Marangell at <u>marangells@unimelb.edu.au</u>.

Will I hear about the results of this project?

Findings from this project will be published in a publicly accessible report and in peerreviewed academic journal articles. A public seminar will also be held. If you would like more information about the report, the articles, or the seminar, please contact Dr Samantha Marangell at marangells@unimelb.edu.au.

What will happen to information about me?

The information that is requested will be entirely confidential, subject to legal limits. De-identified data will be kept securely in password protected files, accessible only to the named researchers, and will be destroyed following university guidelines five years after completion of the project.

Who is funding this project?

This project was funded through a University of Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant.

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project or would like to follow-up on the results of the research, please contact Dr Samantha Marangell at marangells@unimelb.edu.au.

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This project has human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne (ethics project ID: 23603). If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Research Integrity Administrator, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 8344 1376 or Email: <u>research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au</u>. All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence, please provide the name of the research team and/or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.