

**North Carolina State University**  
**INFORMED CONSENT FORM for**  
**RESEARCH**

RTNN Nanotechnology for Food and Nutrition Security

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**What are some general things you should know about research studies?**

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to be a part of this study, to choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time without penalty. The purpose of this research study is to gain a better understanding of the latest trends in the area of food and nutrition security. You are not guaranteed any personal benefits from being in a study. Research studies also may pose risks to those that participate. In this consent form you will find specific details about the research in which you are being asked to participate. If you do not understand something in this form it is your right to ask the researcher for clarification or more information. An electronic copy of this consent form will be provided to you. If at any time you have questions about your participation, do not hesitate to contact the researcher(s) named above.

**What is the purpose of this study?**

This study is designed to identify trends and concerns discussed during the Nanotechnology for Food and Nutrition Security meeting. This information will be used for scholarly publications, presentations, as well as for strategic planning at RTNN facilities.

**What will happen if you take part in the study?**

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be placed in one of the breakout rooms with other participants who indicated their consent to participate. Your participation in the virtual meeting will be recorded using live transcription on Zoom. The transcript will be saved at the end of the meeting. Using this method, all comments are anonymized. No video or audio recording will be made. During the meeting, you will also be asked to answer questions through PollEverywhere tool. This is a polling tool that will include questions about your area of expertise and research, as well as your vision of the current and future trends in the industry. The responses will be anonymized. This poll will be a part of the meeting. You won't need to do anything in addition to your regular activities during the meeting, i.e., the consent gives us a chance to record your regular participation and analyze the content of the discussions.

**Risks**

There are minimal risks associated with this research.

## **Benefits**

This information will be used for research and strategic planning at RTNN. Information provided may be used by the NSF to increase opportunities for under-represented populations and under-represented subject fields to use laboratories and facilities funded under the NNCI.

## **Confidentiality**

The information in the study records will be kept confidential to the full extent allowed by law. Data will be stored securely using a restricted computer and locked files. No reference will be made in oral or written reports which could link you to the study.

Your identity will be anonymized as data is concatenated. Any and all identifying information about you will not be reported in any form and will remain confidential. Data will be managed and maintained through the limited-access university system and will be stored where it exists at all times with the RTNN Director of Assessment under password protection and lock-and-key at all times. Once data has been generated these files will be destroyed.

## **Compensation**

You will not receive anything for participating in the study.

### **What if you are a NCSU student?**

Participation in this study is not a course requirement and your participation or lack thereof, will not affect your class standing or grades at NC State.

### **What if you are a NCSU employee?**

Participation in this study is not a requirement of your employment at NCSU, and your participation or lack thereof, will not affect your job.

### **What if you have questions about this study?**

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the researcher, Dr. David M. Berube, at [dंबरube@ncsu.edu](mailto:dंबरube@ncsu.edu), or 919-515-0410.

### **What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?**

If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or your rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact the NC State IRB office at [irb-director@ncsu.edu](mailto:irb-director@ncsu.edu) or via phone at 1.919.515.8754

## **Consent To Participate**

“I have read and understand the above information. I agree to participate in this study with the

understanding that I may choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled. I have indicated my choice to participate by ticking the box “I agree to participate in the study”. My participation constitutes my consent. I may elect not to participate in the study.”