



## **Assent Letter (online)**

**Project Title:** OurBrainsCAN: University of Western Ontario's Cognitive Neuroscience Research Registry

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### **1. What is OurBrainsCAN?**

Many researchers at Western study how the brain works and they need volunteers to participate in their studies. At OurBrainsCAN you can sign up to be invited to participate in different studies.

### **2. Why are they doing this study?**

We are creating a database of potential participants for brain research at the University of Western Ontario. Volunteers of all ages can help researchers to better understand how we learn, think, move and communicate.

### **3. What will happen to you?**

If you want to sign up we will save some information about you, including how to get in touch. All the information will be kept private and confidential and may be used to invite you to participate in individual studies.

### **4. Will there be any tests?**

There will not be any tests or marks on the report card for this study.

### **5. Will the study help you?**

This study will not help you directly, but in the future, it might help researchers better understand how the brain works at different ages.

### **6. Do you have to be in the study?**

You do not have to be in the study. No one will be mad at you if you do not want to do this. Even if you say yes, you can change your mind later. It is up to you.

**7. What if you have any questions?**

You can ask us questions any time, now or later. If you have questions about the study, you can email: [ourbrainscan@uwo.ca](mailto:ourbrainscan@uwo.ca).

**You can save or print this letter to keep for future reference.**