**Georgia Institute of Technology/Herman Miller, Inc.**

**Project Title: Library East Commons/Clough Commons Space Utilization Study:**

**A Day in the Life of a Student—Intercept Interview**

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**Protocol and Consent Title:** Library East Commons/Clough Commons Space Utilization Study:

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**Research Consent Form**

You are invited to be a volunteer in a research study.

**Purpose:**

The Clough Learning Commons is designed to be a state-of-the-art high-impact learning center with a variety of different classroom configurations enabling experimentation with different teaching strategies, and common areas and rooms designed to encourage students to engage in individual and group work . The Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons (CULC) Space Utilization Study aims to understand better the impact of the building on student learning and student engagement. Specifically, this research study attempts to answer the flowing questions:

1. How students are spending their time, how they navigate the space, how long they are in the Clough Commons, what is the reason they came there to Clough Commons, and how often do they come into Clough Commons.
2. How students are using tools, and what kinds of tools they are bringing into the building.
3. To understand what are the struggles and pain points? What are the workarounds that they do to have space adapt to their needs?
4. To document the behaviors associated with the activities the students are engaged in (sitting, standing, using ottomans at high tops)
5. To understand the cultural norms (using white boards, reserving whiteboards) of the activities that students engage in during their time in Clough Commons.

**Procedures**

If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to answer a brief set of questions concerning your activities in the Clough Commons. Your participation will take no more than 5 minutes.

**Risks/Discomforts**

The risks involved with participation in this study are no greater than are those involved in daily activities such as attending meetings.

**In Case of Injury/Harm**

If you are injured as a result of being in this study, please contact Ameet Doshi, at telephone (404) 894-4598 or Dr. Caroline Noyes, at telephone (404) 894-0510. Neither the Principal Investigator(s) nor Georgia Institute of Technology has made provision for payment of costs associated with any injury resulting from participation in this study.

**Costs**

If you participate in this study, there are no costs to you other than approximately 5 minutes of your time.

**Benefits**

You are not likely to benefit in any direct way from participating in this study, but we anticipate that all those involved in the Georgia Tech teaching and learning community will benefit from learning about how students are using the Clough Commons and how this space might be modified in order to enhance the student learning experience. The research is designed to uncover opportunities for continuous improvement relate to how the environment of the Clough Commons and Library West Commons serves student engagement and interaction. The findings from this research study will also be leveraged to inform the planning of future projects.

**Compensation**

You will not be compensated for your participation in this research study.

**Confidentiality**

Data about you that is collected will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. To protect your privacy, information you provide will be kept under a code number rather than by name. All faces and other identifying information in the photographs taken will be either blurred out or the faces cropped out.

To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB will review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look at study records.

**Participant Rights**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to. You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason, and without penalty. Any new information that may make you change your mind about participating in this study will be provided to you. You retain a copy of this consent form to keep.

**Questions about the Study or Your Rights as a Research Participant**

If you have any questions about the study, you may contact either Ameet Doshi of Georgia Tech, at (404) 894-4598 or Dr. Caroline Noyes of Georgia Tech at (404) 894-0510. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact Ms. Melanie Clark, Georgia Institute of Technology, at (404) 894-6942.

By affirming that you are willing to answer the research questions, you indicate your consent to be in the research study.