

# Participant Information Sheet for Online Questionnaire

**Name of department:** Computer and Information Science

**Title of the study:** A Comparative Study of EBLIP in UK and US Academic Libraries

## Introduction

My name is Molly Black and I am the researcher conducting this project. I am a postgraduate student at the University of Strathclyde seeking my MSc in Information and Library Studies. For any questions or concerns regarding this study I can be contacted by email at: [molly.black.2018@uni.strath.ac.uk](mailto:molly.black.2018@uni.strath.ac.uk)

## What is the purpose of this research?

The aims of this research are to uncover the use of Evidence Based Practice (EBP) in academic libraries in the US and UK. This includes answering questions of: what type of evidence is being used?; how is evidence being used to support decision making?; what are the challenges of EBLIP?. This study is hoping to connect the nature of librarianship in the US and UK with the status of EBLIP usage in academic libraries and determine the influences of professional organizations in the facilitation of EBLIP.

## Do you have to take part?

Participation in the online questionnaire and subsequent research is completely voluntary. Participants have the right to withdraw from the research without detriment at any time.

## What will you do in the project?

For this research participants will be asked to complete a 24-question online questionnaire. The online questionnaire will be open and available to participants for a duration of 2 weeks beginning from the 27<sup>th</sup> of June through the 11<sup>th</sup> of July.

## Why have you been invited to take part?

Target participants for this study are persons who work in an academic library and hold the title of 'librarian' in their current position. This research is focused on the academic sector of librarianship, thus all participants asked to participate based on their current job holding. Participants were recruited via mailing lists from academic library organizations. There are no other qualifiers for selecting participants for this study.

## What information is being collected in the project?

The information being collected in this study are demographic data such as job title, years' experience in the LIS field, qualification holdings, country of residence, and professional organization affiliations. Additionally, opinions and experiences on personal professional practices are obtained through multiple choice and free text responses via the online questionnaire developed and administered using the software Qualtrics. All responses will be anonymous, and all data will be stored on secure servers. No personal data will be collected through this study.

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### **Who will have access to the information?**

The primary researcher Molly Black and supervising advisor David McMenemy will have access to collected data from participants. All data collected from participants will remain anonymous and confidential guaranteed. No personal information is collected as a part of this study.

### **Where will the information be stored and how long will it be kept for?**

All data will be stored on secure servers with the University of Strathclyde. All anonymous research data collected in this study will be retained indefinitely by depositing it in a suitable data repository.

Thank you for reading this information – please ask any questions if you are unsure about what is written here.

Please also read our [Privacy Notice for Research Participants](#)

### **What happens next?**

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to participate, please contact Molly Black via email at [molly.black.2018@uni.strath.ac.uk](mailto:molly.black.2018@uni.strath.ac.uk).

If you wish to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form to confirm this. All participants can request the results of this study upon its completion by emailing the above contact. Participants will be informed if results are to be published.

If you do not wish to be involved thank you for your consideration and attention.

### **Researcher contact details:**

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### **Chief Investigator details:**

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This research was granted ethical approval by the University of Strathclyde Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions/concerns, during or after the research, or wish to contact an independent person to whom any questions may be directed or further information may be sought from, please contact:

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