Sample responses for selected components of UVic ethics application pertinent to use of the Research Participation Pool

The following are sample responses that you may consider using when completing your UVic Human Research Ethics Board application for research studies involving the Research Participation Pool.

Section I: Recruitment

2. Recruitment and selection of participants
Participants will be recruited through the Psychology 100 Research Participation Pool. Recruitment (that is, the posting of experiments on the Psychology 100 Research Participation Pool website) will be done by the co-investigator. The participants will not have any particular relationship with the co-investigator. A description of the tasks involved in the study will be posted on the Psychology 100 Research Participation Pool website, and individuals who wish to participate will sign up for a time of their choice from those posted by the experimenter. This constitutes the entirety of the recruitment process. No permission on the part of other bodies will be required for participation.

Section K: Possible Inconveniences, Benefits…

5. Benefits
Identify any potential or known benefits associated with participation and explain below.

When identifying and explaining the benefits, keep in mind that the anticipated benefits should outweigh any potential risks.

To the participant  To society  To state of knowledge

By participating in this project, participants will add to their knowledge of how experimental psychologists conduct research and, more specifically, learn about empirical and theoretical issues pertaining to recognition memory. The debriefing will include the theoretical importance of the research, as well as examples of how the results will benefit and/or clarify our understanding of the issues under investigation. Therefore, participants will be given an opportunity to learn about a current topic in experimental psychology, and they may also gain a better understanding of their own mental process of recognition. This research will also contribute to the general state of knowledge and may have applied implications of value to society.

6. Inconveniences
Identify and describe any known or potential inconveniences to participants:

Please consider all inconveniences, including time devoted to the research.

The only foreseeable inconvenience associated with this research is the amount of time required to participate in the experiments. This will include the time required to get to and from the location of the experiments as well as the length of the experiment itself. Participants will be fully informed as to the location and
maximum duration of the experiment during the sign-up process and will thus be able to consider this information in deciding whether or not to participate. The length of the experiment will also be included on the informed consent form.

Section L: Compensation
10. Compensation
Is there any compensation for participating in the research? (e.g., gifts, money, social advantage, bonus points) X Yes No
If yes, explain the nature of the compensation and why you consider it to be necessary:
Depending on the duration of the particular experiment, participants will receive 1 to 3 bonus credits toward their Psychology 100 A/B mark. These optional bonus credits encourage and acknowledge students’ participation in the research project.