



## English4grads INFORMATION SHEET

### Who is conducting the research

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### Why is the research being conducted?

"English4grads" research forms part of a University strategy to improve and monitor the English language standards of Griffith's international graduates. Griffith will use the information for education research to monitor the standard of English of different groups of students at graduation and the impact of its English language support.

### What you will be asked to do

You will be asked to choose either the IELTS Academic test or the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE(A)). As well as completing all parts of the selected proficiency test, you will be asked to allow the test owner (Pearson; IELTS) to release the scores from this subsidised test to Griffith University for research purposes. You will also be asked to indicate your reason for taking the test, and biographical details in the University database including gender, date of birth, first language, country, degree program, pathway into Griffith, any previous English test scores, and GPA.

### The basis by which participants will be selected or screened

English4grads is available to all international students at Griffith University who have completed (or are about to complete) a full Griffith degree program e.g. Bachelor, Masters, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, PhD.  
N.B. This initiative is not available to Study Abroad, Exchange, Diploma or domestic students.

All international students are informed of this opportunity by a variety of means such as the Griffith International web pages and by email in their graduating semester. Students may only apply for one test (either IELTS Academic or PTE(A)) once per full degree in the period three months before or after their degree conferral date.

### The expected benefits of the research

Griffith University will use the results to monitor the effect of the English language support services for international students and to inform any further development of these services.

Students will be able to use the test score for any purpose they wish such as employment, or applications for further study or migration.

## **Risks to you**

There are no foreseeable risks to you.

## **Your confidentiality**

We will only collect personal information in order to match you against the details in our databases and to group you (for example, by nationality or degree). However, at the point of publication or reporting no individual will be identifiable.

No third party will receive your individual test scores unless you requested it on the test application form. The information relating to the test will be stored in secure databases and/or drives as per standard test security, which is only accessible by test centre staff, for a period of up to 5 years.

## **Your participation is voluntary**

Participation in English4grads is voluntary. However, please be aware that if you take the test but are not eligible, your partial reimbursement of the test fee cannot be processed.

## **Questions / further information**

If you have questions or concerns about anything to do with English4grads, please contact Pamela Humphreys by email or any staff member at the IELTS test centre, M14 International Building, Mount Gravatt campus or Pearson Test Centre, G52 International Building, Gold Coast.

## **The ethical conduct of this research**

Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*. If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project, contact the Manager, Research Ethics on 3735 4375 or **research-ethics@griffith.edu.au**.

## **Feedback to you**

Participants will receive their results in the standard way for the test applied for and are treated exactly the same as any other test-taker. Participants interested in the findings of the research can contact the researcher.

## **Privacy Statement**

Griffith University collects, stores and uses personal information for the purposes of administering student and prospective student admissions, enrolment and education. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. For further information consult the university's privacy plan

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## **Consent**

Completion of the online consent form will be taken as your consent to participate in the research.