PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT RESEARCH PARTICIPANT POOL GUIDELINES
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RESEARCH PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

For Summer 2022, you'll need to complete a **total of 6.5** hours of research credit by the end of the session. You can complete these credits through in person studies or a combination of in-person and online offerings. For Summer 2022, students may choose to earn their credits through a **combination of online and in person options or all online** (there is no cap on online credits for the summer session(s). **All research pool participation is to be completed by 5pm on July 8th (session 1) / August 5th (session 2).**

There are several ways for you to earn credit (described in more detail in the following pages):

In-Person
- Participate in typical in-person studies conducted by the Psychology Department at the University of Georgia with appointments available via the SONA System

Virtual Interactive
- Participate in virtual interactive studies (e.g., live video conference session with a researcher; daily diary studies with daily or weekly surveys) conducted by researchers in the UGA Psychology Department with appointments available via the SONA System

Online
- Participate in online studies conducted by the Psychology Department at the University of Georgia via the SONA System
- Conduct a review of an empirical psychology article (1 review = 1 credit). These will be posted on the SONA system.
- Participate in online pseudo-studies. These are inactive research studies in which participant data will not be analyzed (30 minutes of a pseudo-study = 0.5 credits). These will be posted on the SONA system.

Sona Screener (all participants)

- Participants will complete a screener survey when they first login to the system (0.5 credits)

SESSION 1
RP POOL OPENS ON JUNE 12TH, 2022, AT 8 AM
RP POOL CLOSES ON JULY 8TH, 2022, AT 5 PM

SESSION 2
RP POOL OPENS ON JULY 12TH, 2022, AT 8 AM
RP POOL CLOSES ON AUGUST 5TH, 2022, AT 5 PM

**If participants have concerns about accruing their 6.5 credits, they can email rp@uga.edu to develop a plan to complete the requirements. Examples of situations that may be accommodated include (but are not limited to): participants with demanding work or lab schedules that limit availability to participate in studies scheduled during typical business hours or participants who are under the age of 18.*

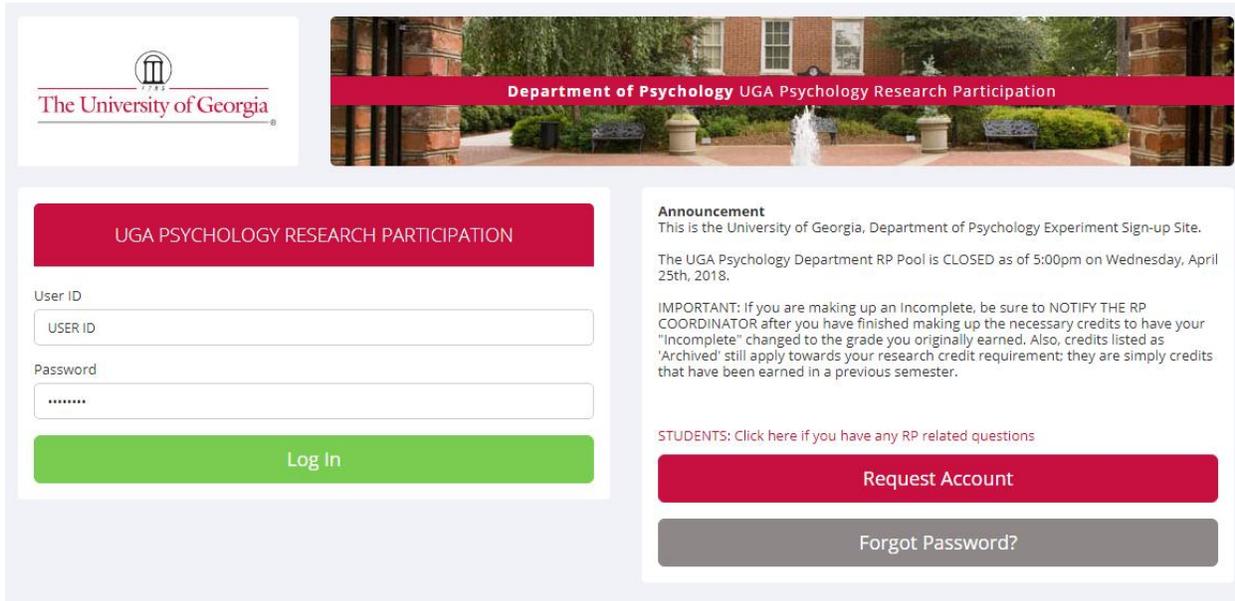## LOGGING INTO YOUR SONA SYSTEMS ACCOUNT

Your SONA SYSTEMS account will be **created for you** using your UGA e-mail address. You will receive log in information for your account on or around the first day of class.

On this website, you can sign up for lab studies, find talks to attend, and find how to complete your research reviews and/or pseudo studies. You can also view your lab study appointments and check the number of credits you have earned.

TO ACCESS THE SITE

Go to http://uga.sona-systems.com

Make sure you are on the Psychology Department's Sona Systems website – they all look similar, so check on the front page for "UGA Psychology Research Participation" banners. This is what the first screen will look like:

Use the Log In information you receive to log in. Please log in within 3 days of receiving this information to confirm your account.

Note that Sona will add the "@uga.edu" for you, so don't enter this information when entering your email address

SIGNING UP FOR STUDIES

Go to http://uga.sona-systems.com

Log in using your Sona Systems account login information

Under "Study Sign-Up" click "View available studies"

There will be a list of all available studies and research alternatives. Explore the opportunities by clicking on the titles to read a detailed description of what the researcher is expecting from participants. There will also be information about how long the study will take and how many credits each study is worth.

Check the eligibility requirements to make sure you are eligible to participate in the study – just because you can sign up for the study on Sona does not guarantee eligibility. Researchers have the right to deny participation to interested students based on posted eligibility criteria.

If you are interested in participating and eligible to participate, click "Timeslots Available" then "View Timeslots for this Study" to see a list of available times the study is running.

Select the timeslot you would like to participate in and then click "Sign Up" to officially sign up for the study.

After completion of a study, the researcher will grant you credit on Sona Systems. You will be able to check your accumulated credits on your account any time. Researchers who are hosting online lab studies may set their own deadline as long as it is on or before the RP Pool closing date and time.

PARTICIPATING IN RESEARCH STUDIES

Participate in studies conducted by the Psychology Department at the University of Georgia via the SONA System. Pay close attention to the study description to determine if the study is classified as in-person, virtual interactive, or an online survey.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVE: REVIEWING PSYCHOLOGICAL PAPERS

Article reviews are posted on Sona. The Sona description will instruct you on how to complete the article review.

The purpose of having the option to complete a review paper is for the people who do not want to participate in studies may also complete some in-depth reading and reflection about psychological research beyond the coverage in a textbook.

These links on Sona will walk you through an entire empirical article, asking you read and reflect on the abstract, introduction, methods, results, and discussion. After each section, you will answer a few questions about the paper. Questions will be timed to guarantee you are completing the task thoroughly.

Inappropriate or incomplete responses will need to be resubmitted or be accepted for less credit. **NOTE: Any answers that is entirely or partly copied word-for-word from another source (or from another student) are not acceptable. This is plagiarism, which is a very serious academic offense. Your instructor may also be contacted to determine if any additional steps should be taken to deal with academic dishonesty.**

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVE: PSEUDO-STUDIES

Pseudo-studies are posted on Sona. Follow the direct link in the description to complete the study.

These opportunities are old research studies that are no longer active in which participant data will not be analyzed. Pseudo-studies are a great option for students who are interested in participating in research but may be too young to do so, or do not feel comfortable providing data for typical research studies.

INCOMPLETES

IF YOU DO NOT EARN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESEARCH CREDITS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR YOUR COURSE BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THE RP POOL, THIS WILL RESULT IN **A REDUCTION OF YOUR FINAL GRADE FOR THE COURSE BY ONE LETTER.**

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