

**Institutional Review Board
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology**

Participation Consent Agreement

The research study for **Teardrop** has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. This research study is led by **Hamida Khatri**, a doctoral student from the Information Systems Engineering and Management department at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. The Faculty Advisor for this study is Dr. Iheb Abdellatif, Assistant Professor of Information Systems Engineering and Management for the Information Systems Engineering and Management Program.

This study is being conducted in compliance with the standards and guidelines presented by Institutional Review Board (IRB). The researcher, Hamida Khatri, has been certified by **Collaborative Institution Training Initiative (CITI) Program** to conduct human-subject research.

What the Study is About

The purpose of this research is to identify patterns of behavior or emotions spawned by domestic violence. The individual narratives will run through a textual analytical tool that will interpret the submitted stories.

What We Will Ask You to Do

The participant is asked to fill out an online survey to share the experience in their own words along with their superpower that has become a remedy for them in those tough times. The participant is asked for 30 minutes to complete the entire survey depending on how much in-depth information they provide.

Risks and Discomforts

There is no anticipated risk for the participant in this research. The information will be protected at all costs, and the confidentiality of the data will be maintained throughout the course of this research.

Benefits

The pattern analysis could empower women against domestic violence and reduce the trauma faced by women in toxic relationships.

Compensation for Participation

There is no compensation for participation.

Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security

The data collected will be saved in a standard hard drive and will be deleted after 3 years of collecting this research.

Taking Part is Voluntary

Participation is voluntary. The participant may choose not to participate if they are uncomfortable in answering any of the questions after signing the consent form by withdrawing from the survey.

If You Have Questions

The lead researcher conducting this study is Hamida Khatri, a doctoral student at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. If you have questions, you may contact Hamida Khatri at connect@hamidakhatri.com. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) on 717-901-5100 or access their website at <https://harrisburgu.edu/>.

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