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Darden College of Education and Professional Studies

Education and Arts Research Participation System (EARPS)

The College of Arts & Letters and the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies have joined resources again this year to support a research participant pool that:

- helps researchers easily recruit students to participate as research subjects
- engages undergraduate and graduate students in empirical and qualitative research
- affords instructors the opportunity to incentivize students' participation by awarding bonus points to be used towards a relevant course

The Education and Arts Research Participation System—EARPS for short—uses SONA software that more efficiently tracks research studies and the students who participate in them. SONA software is often used by psychology departments, [including our own](#), to facilitate undergraduate research engagement throughout coursework.

Here is how it works. If you are a...

1. **researcher**, you can add a new IRB-approved study and recruit student participants by sharing your survey link, focus group time slots and location, etc.
2. **instructor**, you can offer your class as one that your students can receive bonus points towards for participating in your colleagues' research studies (we have attached here sample language to include in your syllabus)
3. **student**, you can view all available studies and receive incentive to participate in real research studies

EARPS uses MIDAS Single Sign-On, so there is no need to create a separate account. Researchers will have full access to their study, instructors will receive end-of-semester reports of students who participated, and students will be able to view all available research studies.

If you are interested in using EARPS to recruit student participants for your research or incentivize the students in your class to participate, email earps@odu.edu and we'll register you and/or your students as a user.

Many of us are very excited about the continued support in our colleges of this SONA license not only because it increases our sample size as researchers but because it involves our students directly in research, which has positive effects on engagement and retention.

There is more information including syllabi language, an information video and step-by-step instructions on a shared google folder [here](#).



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