



Consent to be contacted by email or post after June 2018

Why would we like to contact you after you leave the University of Essex?

Most of you will graduate from your degree course in June 2018. After this date, the BOOST2018 team will contact you and ask you to participate in further surveys as we would like to understand how your university experience and outcomes shape your future career, family, and well-being.

How will this work?

In order to contact you and ask you to participate in our surveys, the BOOST2018 team will use your most recent email and postal address held by the University of Essex. Please remember to keep this up to date!

Do I have to stay involved in the study?

Your participation in future BOOST2018 surveys will be entirely voluntary. We cannot be sure of the number of surveys as yet as this will depend on the amount of funding that will be available to us. However, we plan to contact you for a maximum of one to two surveys per year.

As for the current surveys, you do not have to provide information that you do not wish to disclose and you are free to withdraw from the study at any time (without having to give a reason) by emailing us at boost2018@essex.ac.uk. You can also choose not to answer one of the surveys but stay involved in the study and answer another survey at a later date. As for the current surveys, we will thank you for your time by offering a monetary compensation.

Who will use this data and for what purpose?

The answers to the surveys would be available initially only to the BOOST2018 team. A fully anonymized subset of the data might be made available to the wider academic research community under arrangements which make sure that the information is used responsibly and safely. Names and addresses will never be released to researchers outside the BOOST2018 team. The data will be used only for research and statistical purposes.

How long does your consent last?

Your consent lasts for three years after June 2018. Please note however that you can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us at boost2018@essex.ac.uk or going to our website

<https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/research/projects/boost2018-the-ground-breaking-study-of-student-life> and using the on-line withdrawal of consent form

Please indicate below if you give your permission for the BOOST2018 team to use the email address and postal address held by the University of Essex to contact you, ask you to participate in future surveys and use the resulting data for research and statistical purposes.

I authorise the BOOST2018 team to contact me using the email and postal address held by the University of Essex to ask me to participate in future surveys and to use my answers for research and statistical purposes only. This consent will remain valid until June 2021 or until revoked by me in writing.

Yes (1)

No (2)