



ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT
ASCEPT EDI membership survey
Brendan Wilkins

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to describe the diversity of the membership of the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT). Diversity includes career level, age, gender, Indigeneity, nationality, culture, faith, carer status, ability, and LGBTQIA+ identity. Data obtained in this research will be used to inform future initiatives of ASCEPT to foster and support an inclusive and culturally competent community of members, and equity across all society activities and interactions. You have been invited because you are a financial member of ASCEPT, and your contact details were obtained from your membership profile.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Brendan Wilkins, A/Prof Bridin Murnion, A/Prof Nicola Smith (ASCEPT Board of Directors).

Research Funder: This research is being funded by ASCEPT.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Current financial member of ASCEPT

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about your personal demographic information and your perception of equity, diversity, and inclusion in ASCEPT. It should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. All responses will be anonymous (non-identifiable).

Some questions in this survey may make you feel uncomfortable – for example, if you prefer to keep your religion/faith private from other people. The level of discomfort is expected to be low and transient, with no ongoing negative consequences.

If you do feel uncomfortable answering a particular question in the survey, all questions have a “Prefer not to answer” option which can be used to skip that question. If you decide that you no longer want to participate in the survey, you can stop participating at any time.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to increase equity and representation of diverse groups in all ASCEPT activities.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the ‘I agree to participate’ button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.



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The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project:

- Permanently – data are not intended on being published

The information about you will be stored in a:

- Non-identifiable format where your identity will be unknown.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from you in future research that:

- Will be specific to the aims of this research;

Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team do not intend on publishing the results in peer-reviewed journals. Instead, a report of aggregate results of the research will be disseminated to the ASCEPT membership by the ASCEPT Secretariat. All information will be reported in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by emailing the research team contact below.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

Name	Brendan Wilkins
Position	Chair – ASCEPT Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee
Email	b.wilkins@unsw.edu.au EDI@ascept.org



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What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
Project ID	8223

Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

By checking the I agree/start questionnaire option below:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
 - I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
 - I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study and future research as is outlined in Section 7
 - I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
 - I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from [EDI SURVEY PISCF](#).

[I agree, start questionnaire](#)