



### Consent to add information from records held by other organizations

*Why would we like information from records held by other organizations?*

Government departments and agencies collect a range of information about all of us for administrative and statistical purposes. While we can learn about people's lives, economic circumstances, experiences, and behaviours by asking you direct questions, it can sometimes be easier to obtain some of this information from administrative data and other surveys. This additional information can help us get a more complete picture of your path through the educational system as well as your employment and earnings histories.

*What information would we add?*

- School records held by the Department for Education (DfE) in the National Pupil Database (NPD) and the Individualised Learner Records (ILRs);
- University attendance and first graduate destinations held by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) in their Student record and Destinations of Leavers or Graduate Outcomes surveys;
- University and college admission records held by the University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).
- National Insurance contributions and tax credit records held by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC);
- Information on your participation to employment programmes and benefits receipts administered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP);
- Loan repayment records from the Student Loans Company (SLC);

*How will this work?*

The BOOST2018 team would supply basic information such as your name, gender, date of birth, postcode, and your unique University of Essex identification number to one or more of the government departments or agencies mentioned above. These details will be used to find your records within the organizations named above. The government department or agency will attach the relevant information, such as your national insurance contributions in a given year, and return this information to the BOOST2018 team. The additional information thus obtained will be completely confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

*Who will use it and for what purpose?*

The additional information 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?*

There is no expiry date to this consent as we do not know exactly when we will be able to obtain permission to add your administrative records to your survey responses. Please note however that you can withdraw you consent at any time by contacting us at [boost2018@essex.ac.uk](mailto: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 pass on your personal identifiers to the named government departments and agencies in order to add information from the data they hold to your BOOST2018 survey responses and to use the linked data for research and statistical purposes.**

*I authorise the BOOST2018 team to supply to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, the Department for Work and Pensions, the Student Loans Company, the Department for Education, University and Colleges and Admissions Service, and the Higher Education Statistics Agency sufficient information for these organizations to link their administrative records and surveys to my BOOST2018 survey records and to disclose these data to the BOOST2018 team to be used for research and statistical purposes only. This consent will remain valid until revoked by me in writing.*

- Yes (1)
- No (2)