



INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

I-Callimaco: Scientific survey for residents and PhD students on the library services of the University of Milan "La Statale" for the biomedical area

Dear Sir/Madam,

We propose that you participate in a research study outlined below. It is your right to be informed about the purpose and characteristics of the study so that you can make an informed and free decision on whether to participate or not. Please read the following carefully. The researchers involved in this project are available to answer your questions.

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The general aim of the project is to measure the degree of knowledge and satisfaction of library services on the part of the biomedical postgraduate student component, in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the available offer and to design improvement measures, as well as to activate or implement advanced services specific to biomedical libraries, which meet the actual needs of this user group.

Your participation is completely free; refusal to participate will not entail any negative consequences. Furthermore, should you change your mind and wish to withdraw, you are free to do so at any time without having to provide any explanation.

In case of withdrawal, previously collected data will be destroyed unless they have already been processed for research purposes.

Participation in the study is subject to detailed information on its characteristics, risks and benefits. At the end of the information phase, you may consent to participate in the study by signing the informed consent form. Only after you have given your written consent will you be able to actively participate in the proposed study.

The research project involves the completion of a questionnaire and the subsequent analysis of the data collected for the purposes indicated above. Data collection will take place from 20 November 2023 until 19 January 2024.

In particular, you will be asked to indicate your level of knowledge and satisfaction with the University library services through an anonymous questionnaire consisting of between 37 and 43 questions for an estimated completion time of about 15 minutes. The questionnaire is structured with ramifications and is mainly made up of single closed-answer questions (with the possibility in some sections to specify different alternatives when they do not correspond to the choice options offered), some multiple-choice questions, some rating scales (score from 1 to 10).

All information regarding the processing of your personal data (including special categories of data) is contained in the information sheet prepared in accordance with Art. 13 of Reg. 2016/679 (GDPR) issued together with this information sheet.

The study does not entail any risks or direct benefits for the participant. However, the study will increase knowledge about the University library service for postgraduate students in the biomedical sector.

We also inform you that this study has been approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of Milan.

During the study, you may contact the study director for any information.

Thank you for your availability

DECLARATION BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE STUDY

I declare that I have provided the participant with full information and detailed explanations about the nature, purpose, procedures and duration of this research project. I further declare that I have provided the information sheet to the participant.

THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

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