Research Consent Form

You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study.

**Purpose:**
The purpose of this study is to gather information from our graduating students’ post-graduation career plans.

**Procedures:**
If you decide to be in this study, your part will involve: A brief web-based survey asking about your immediate career and education plans following graduation.

**Risks/Discomforts:**
The risks involved are no greater than those involved in using a computer.

**Benefits:**
You are not likely to benefit directly from participation in this study. Information about how you will be using your hard-earned degree to gain employment or admission to graduate or professional school will be very helpful for students graduating in future semesters. In addition the survey will provide data helpful to employers and potentially to organizations that conduct national rankings of universities.

**Confidentiality:**
The following procedures will be followed to keep your personal information confidential in this study: The data that is collected about you will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. To protect your privacy, your responses will be kept under a code number rather than by name. All data will be kept in secure files and only study staff will be allowed to look at them. Your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when results of this study are presented or published.

You should be aware, however, that the experiment is not being run from a "secure" https server of the kind typically used to handle credit card transactions, so there is a small possibility that responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties (e.g., computer hackers). Also, in general the web page software will log as header lines the IP address of the machine you use to access this page, e.g., 102.403.506.807, but otherwise no other information will be stored unless you explicitly enter it.

To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB may review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look at study records.

**Costs to You:**
There are no costs to participation, beyond the time involved.

**Subject Rights:**
Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be. You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason, and without penalty. Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you. You do not waive any of your legal rights by signing this consent form.

**Questions about the Study or Your Rights as a Research Subject:**
If you have any questions about the study, you may contact Dr. Joseph Ludlum at telephone (404) 385-1292, or by email at survey@oars.gatech.edu. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you may contact Ms. Melanie Clark, Georgia Institute of Technology at (404) 894-6942.