***[***insert title of study***]***

This research study is being conducted by [insert PI title, name, and university position] at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The purpose of this study is to [state intended research purpose]

Participation should take about [insert approx. time] minutes to complete.   
  
Participation in this research is completely voluntary. If there are any questions or parts of this study which you are uncomfortable completing, feel free to skip that question terminate your participation at any time without question or comment.

If targeting student population, include the following statement:

Choosing not to participate will not adversely affect your grade or standing in the class.

State any eligibility criteria, for example:

You must be at least 18 years old to participate. If you are not 18 or older, please do not participate.  
  
If the study is completed online, include this paragraph:

All survey responses received will be treated confidentially and stored on a secure server. However, given that the surveys can be completed from any computer (e.g., personal, work, school), there is no guarantee of the security of the computer on which you choose to enter your responses. As a participant in this study, please be aware that certain technologies exist that can be used to monitor or record data and/or websites that are visited.

If applying for **Exemption 3** and your study includes deception/incomplete disclosure, include this paragraph:  
We have described the general nature of what you will be asked to do but the full intent of the study will not be explained to you until after [your participation / the completion of the study]. At that time, we will give you more information about the study and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

If your study anticipates the collection of information that may reveal behavior that must be disclosed by law, include the following statement:

[If it is possible that your participation in this study might reveal behavior that must be reported according to state law (e.g. abuse, sexual harassment, intent to harm self or others); disclosure of such information will be reported to the extent required by law.](#Illegalbehavior" \o "Edit as needed. Or, delete if not applicable.)

This research has been reviewed and approved by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Protection (IRB). If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, or if you feel that your rights as a participant were not adequately met by the researcher, please contact the IRB at (956) 665-3598 or [irb@utrgv.edu](mailto:irb@utrgv.edu).