

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**  
**Research Participant Information Sheet**

**Title of the Study:** The reproducibility crisis in historical perspective

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You are invited to participate in a research study about the origins of the reproducibility crisis and its impact on scientific practice. You have been asked to participate because you have been identified as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or a postdoc in the preclinical biomedical sciences who has firsthand experience with irreproducibility.

The purpose of the research is to 1) identify the mechanisms through which practicing scientists become aware of reproducibility problems in their field, 2) investigate the development of policies designed to enhance reproducibility and their impact on scientific practice, and 3) understand how policies aimed at enhancing reproducibility intersect with other types of policy development in basic or preclinical research (e.g. policies for ensuring animal welfare).

The interview will last 30 minutes, and will take place over Zoom at a time of your choosing, or in person at a location of your choosing. **The interview data will be used anonymously.** This means that I will keep your identity confidential and will not share personal information about you with anyone outside the research team, and no one will be able to link your answers back to you if they are used in publications or presentations.

Audio recordings will be made of this interview. Only the PI, study staff, or transcription personnel will have access to these recordings. The researcher or staff person will listen to the recording and write down what people said during the interview. The written copy is called a transcription. The transcription will be saved but the recording will be destroyed. No information that could identify you will be included in the transcription. All email correspondence between you and the study staff will be deleted on completion of the study, so that no record remains of your interest or participation in the study.

Being in this study is voluntary, and you may decline to answer any questions and/or end the interview at any time. Please contact me at (608) 265-3525 or [nicole.nelson@wisc.edu](mailto:nicole.nelson@wisc.edu) with any questions about this study.