



Participants needed:

Study Title: Cultivating mindsets of persistence: Experiences of undergraduate women students in STEM programs at a Public Research University

Etina Qirjo, a doctoral candidate in the College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology at Florida Atlantic University, is conducting a phenomenological study on lived experiences of academic processes and mindsets that influence the persistence of undergraduate women students in STEM majors as part of her doctoral research study. It is a research study examining the factors that influence these students to persist in undergraduate STEM programs in South Florida Public University by gathering data on their enrollment experiences and challenges. A total of 12 participants are currently being recruited for the study. Participation will start with about 5 minutes to complete the consent form online via Qualtrics (use QR code below). After completing the consent form, participants will need to complete a 5-minute questionnaire online via Qualtrics. Next, a forty-five-minute interview will be scheduled. After the interview, you will be asked to submit your latest resume which should take about 5 minutes. Lastly, a thirty-minute focus group discussion will be scheduled with additional participants. Enrollment is open at the time of this announcement. To protect the identity of the participants, pseudonyms will be utilized in the study. You may refuse to answer any of the questions, and you may stop your participation in this study at any time. Participants in this study must meet the following criteria:

Students:

- Must be 18 years old or older to participate in the study
- Currently sophomore/junior/senior undergraduate women enrolled in Spring 2024
- Enrolled as degree degree-seeking student in a STEM declared major.
- Currently attending one or more in-person/face-to-face courses.

If you meet the above criteria, the researcher would be pleased to have you participate in this study. In preparation for the study, you must first complete the consent form online. Afterward, please complete the pre-interview questionnaire prior to the interview portion of the study to help determine further your eligibility in the study. Please note that the interview will take place at a date and time that is convenient for you.

If you need any additional information or if you have questions about your rights as a research participant or the study, please send an email to the researcher at eqirjo@fau.edu.

Thank you for your time.

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