

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**CONSENT FORM**  
**Crowdsourced image collection for eternal data storage**

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**Researchers' statement**

We are asking you to be in a research study. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether to be in the study or not. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When we have answered all your questions, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. This process is called “informed consent.” We will give you a copy of this form for your records.

**PURPOSE OF THE STUDY**

We are studying computing mechanisms for storage and manipulation of data for a very long time, up to thousands of years. We are trying to find out what kinds of information people want to store forever and why they want to keep that information.

**STUDY PROCEDURES**

If you decide to participate, we will ask you to upload pictures of things that you want to remember forever. We will take those pictures and encode them in a very durable storage medium, DNA (<http://misl.cs.washington.edu>). We will make the resulting data available to other researchers.

**RISKS, STRESS, OR DISCOMFORT**

Minimal risk

**ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY**

N/A

**BENEFITS OF THE STUDY**

Help explore ways to store information for a very long time (millennia) in sustainable ways.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING**

The study team and/or the University of Washington is receiving partial financial support from the US Government (DARPA) for the storage and retrieval research, but not for the specific image collection task.

**CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESEARCH INFORMATION**

The images collected in the study will be stored with all its meta-data stripped. Only the actual pixel information will be kept. We will make all images publicly available to other researchers.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

You may refuse to participate and you are free to withdraw from this study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

There will be no compensation offered.

### **RESEARCH-RELATED INJURY**

If you think you have been harmed from being in this research, contact Luis Ceze at [luisceze@cs.washington.edu](mailto:luisceze@cs.washington.edu).

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                  Subject  
                  Subject's Medical Record (if applicable)