



ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Benchmarking Impact Study 2024
Associate Professor Melissa Edwards

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study because you have actively contributed to impact investing or because you have expressed an interest in becoming an active contributor to impact investing through attending information events or subscribing to receive more information about impact investing products and services, and your contact details were obtained from the mailing list of either Impact Investing Australia or the Centre for Social Impact UNSW. The research study aims to improve understanding of the current state of the impact investing market in Australia.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Associate Professor Melissa Edwards (Chief Investigator), Dr Yi Zhao (Co-investigator), and Michelle Cripps (Co-investigator), Centre for Social Impact, UNSW Sydney.

Research Funder: The research will be jointly funded by UBS Optimus, the Paul Ramsay Foundation, Macquarie foundation and Minderoo foundation.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- People who have actively contributed to impact investing
- People who have expressed an interest in becoming an active contributor to impact investing because they have attended information events or subscribed to receive more information about impact investing products and services

Participants meeting the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- People who have no interest becoming an active contributor to or have never engaged in impact investing

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about your perceptions, activities, and expectations with regards to impact investing. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit the impact investment industry as a whole by supporting Impact Investment Australia's advocacy work.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'I agree to participate' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.



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The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The information about you will be stored in a re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, address, date of birth will be replaced with a unique code.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from you in future research that will be specific to the aims of this research. Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to report the results of the research. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively, you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will destroy any information that has already been collected and no additional information will be collected from you. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study, will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney or Impact Investing Australia.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

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What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact



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Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

By checking the I agree/start questionnaire option below:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
 - I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
 - I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
 - I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
 - I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from <https://www.csi.edu.au/>

I agree, start questionnaire

- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____



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Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales or Impact Investing Australia. In withdrawing my consent I would like any information which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.

Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

Submit withdrawal of consent