

## RECRUITING FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANTS

**Study Title:** Examination of Digital Math Tools and Educational Access to Curriculum by Students with Visual Impairments

**What is the Purpose of the Study?** The purpose is to explore how individuals with visual impairments, both high school students in grades 9-12 and college students, use technology to participate in math learning. The technology includes both mainstream technology (e.g., tablets, computers) and specialized assistive technology for people with visual impairments (e.g., braille notetakers, video magnifiers, JAWS, VoiceOver).

### **Who is Conducting the Study?**

- Dr. Michael Tuttle, Florida State University
- Dr. L. Penny Rosenblum, Vision for Independence / University of Arizona
- Dr. Kelly-Massoud, Perkins School for the Blind
- Dr. Tina S. Herzberg, University of South Carolina Upstate

**What Will Study Participants Be Asked to Do?** Participants will complete a demographic form and participate in a 90 minute focus group.

### **Who Can Participate in the Study?**

- **High school students** with visual impairments in grades 9-12 enrolled in an academic math (e.g., algebra, geometry) who use technology at school and work with a teacher of students with visual impairments.
- **College students** with visual impairments at 2 or 4 year colleges/universities who have had a math class within the last 2 years and who use technology at college. College students may have had a visual impairment in high school or acquired it post-high school.
- **Teachers of students with visual impairments** who have 3 years or more of teaching experience and have one or more high school students who use technology in math class.
- **General education math teachers** who have a student with a visual impairment in grades 9-12 with a visual impairment in their academic math class (e.g., algebra, geometry) and who have taught math at the high school level for 3 years or more.

### **How Do I Sign Up for the Study?**

Visit [https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dnDem4QNP6Y5GqW](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnDem4QNP6Y5GqW), consent to participate in the study/have your child participate in the study and complete the demographic form. If the participant is under 18 years of age before the focus group begins, they will be read an assent form and asked if they wish to participate in the study.

### **When Will I Know if I am Selected to Participate in the Study?**

Participants will be notified at least 1 week before the scheduled focus group. You will be notified if you are not selected to participate.

### **Will I be Paid for my Participation?**

Focus group participants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

### **Has the Study Been Approved by an Institutional Review Board?**

Florida State University and University of South Carolina IRB offices approved this study. Contact the Florida State University IRB at 850-644-7900 or [humansubjects@fsu.edu](mailto:humansubjects@fsu.edu) for more information.

### **Who Do I Contact for More Information?**

Dr. Michael Tuttle at [mtuttle@fsu.edu](mailto:mtuttle@fsu.edu) or by 850-644-8407