



**Frequently Asked Questions  
for participants**

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### **What is behavioural economics?**

Behavioural economics studies the effects of psychological, cognitive, emotional, cultural and social factors on the decisions of individuals and institutions.

In recent years, economists have won 5 Nobel prizes for their work in this field

### **What is the role of India Behavioural Economics Network?**

We are a non-profit government recognised organisation who have been advocating for an advancement in the incorporation of behavioural economics in academia, policy and industry in India. We organise various events, training programmes, publish academic articles and newsletters, and have been pioneers in promoting the field of behavioural economics in India.

### **What is the Beyond Nudge labs?**

Researchers, Behavioural economists, social scientists, among many others, regularly use surveys and experiments to collect data for their research. We are building a platform where international researchers can find participants for their studies by connecting interested student and non-student participants with researchers. In return, the participants in India will get both exposure to the organisation of such surveys and experiments as well as monetary compensation for their time. We filter, review and select only top-quality ethical studies which do not use deception to be conducted on our platform.

### **Who can participate in studies?**

You can participate if

- you are 18 or above
- you understand spoken and written English without difficulty

### **Why should I participate?**

- You can earn money by participating in our studies
- We do not have to give us any long-term commitments. You can choose which studies you would like to participate and which ones you don't
- The study might be quite fun (some of studies will involve fun activities like playing a game or e-shopping)

### What will I be asked to do?

The tasks you would be asked to do would vary from one study to another. However, you might be asked to do activities such as filling out questionnaires, playing games, performing various tasks on a computer including e-shopping and taking part in discussions.

Before you agree to participate in a particular study, you will be able to read a short description of what that study entails.

### What is expected from participants?

- Please be on time for the studies. If you signed up for a study but can no longer participate, please cancel your sign-up in advance. Late participants might not be allowed to take part in the study. In addition, participants who have accumulated three or more unexcused no-shows will not be able to view or sign up for studies in the future.
- Follow Instructions: Read the given instructions very carefully and answer questions truthfully and complete tasks to the best of your ability.
- Uphold Confidentiality: After completing a study, please do not disclose any of its details to people you know. Likewise, please do not ask others to provide details about studies they have already completed.

### Where will studies take place?

Studies may take place online or in-person (in-lab). You will only require a computer with a stable internet for the online studies. You can do this from anywhere.

We have labs in various major cities across India so if you choose to take part in the in-person studies, you can do so in your own city.

### Will the studies involve medical procedures?

We, in principle, will **not** be conducting any medical studies involving clinical procedures. However, some in-person studies might involve non-invasive tools such as measurement of physiological responses (heart rate, blood pressure, etc.) or the use of safe, non-invasive neuroimaging techniques, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Please keep in mind that participation in these types of studies is completely voluntary and you will be given sufficient information before you choose to agree to take part in these studies.

### **Is the information I provide confidential and secure?**

Yes. Your name and other personal information that identifies you (email address, etc.) will never be provided to the researchers. None of your personal information will ever be associated with the data you provide during studies. All personal information and research data will be stored in secured locations accessible only to authorised personnel.

### **How do I join the participant pool?**

You can join our participant pool by visiting [iben.co.in/lab](https://iben.co.in/lab)

### **How will I be paid?**

Researchers may pay participants with cash, gift cards or bank transfers.

### **How will I get to know about new studies?**

Once you sign up as a participant in our system, you will be automatically added to the email list through which we send the available studies. You can participate by clicking on the respective links.