

Information Sheet for Participants: Survey

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Barriers to Digital Transformation: Identifying key obstacles affecting SINU's adoption of digital solutions.

Overview

My name is Trisha Bambu, and as part of the Master of Digital Business, I am required to conduct a research project. For my project, I wish to research "*Barriers to Digital Transformation: Identifying key obstacles affecting SINU's adoption of digital solutions.*"

This study investigates the primary challenges that impede the effective implementation of digital solutions at the Solomon Islands National University (SINU). Despite the implementation of digital tools like Moodle, e-learning platforms, and various digital resources, their utilization by numerous staff and students remains limited. The investigation explores elements including digital literacy, infrastructure obstacles, resistance to change, and institutional policies to pinpoint the main impediments to digital transformation. This analysis of the challenges seeks to offer insights and recommendations that will foster digital adoption at SINU, thereby enhancing efficiency and accessibility in both academic and administrative processes.

What will you have to do and how long will it take?

You will be asked to complete a survey that consists of questions related to the barriers to digital transformation at SINU. The survey will take approximately **10–15 minutes** to complete. Your responses will help identify key challenges and potential solutions for improving digital adoption at the university.

Participating in this survey involves **filling out an online form**, which can be accessed via a provided link. You will be required to answer multiple-choice and short-answer questions based on your experiences and perspectives on digital transformation at SINU.

As I will not be asking for your name, it is not possible to withdraw your responses from the data once you have submitted your survey. Therefore, by filling out and submitting the survey, you are agreeing to allow your responses to be used as data for the purposes of this project.

What will happen to the information collected?

Results will be presented as anonymized themes in a report that will be submitted for assessment. The final report will also be seen by **my supervisor at the University of Waikato, academic assessors, and the research team at SINU.**

Only my Academic Supervisor/s, my contact person in the organisation, and I will have access to the information you provide in the survey. These results will be kept on file for five years on a password-protected computer and disposed of via the Waikato University protocols.

As a participant, you will not be named in any outputs arising from this research, therefore it will not be possible to identify you in these reports.

Declaration to participants

If you take part in this research project, you have the right to:

- Refuse to answer any particular question.
- Ask any further questions about the research that occurs to you during your participation.
- Be given access to a summary of the findings from the research when it is concluded.

If you have any questions about this research project, you can contact me at tb510@students.waikato.ac.nz. My project is being supervised by Dr. John Buchanan, and he can be contacted at jtb@waikato.ac.nz. My contact persons at Solomon Islands National University (SINU) is Dr. Hugo Bugoro and Dr. Jerry Siota.

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