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To the Research Community,

Covid 19 has affected research all over the world. With universities closing their campuses and governments issuing restrictions on social gatherings, lab-based behavioral research is grinding to a halt. This situation is urgent. Current studies are being disrupted and planned studies cannot get underway until they are adapted to the new reality.

That is why, starting today, Volunteer Science is offering **free access to the platform to academic researchers through June 30th**. During this period, all researchers will be able to access the full platform, including the subject management system, integration with Mechanical Turk, and online trainings. We will work with you to translate existing protocol to an online format and begin collecting data immediately. We also understand that researchers must also contend with the prospect of future, unplanned shutdowns until a treatment is found in the next 12-18 months. Thus, we will also help you create research plans and proposals that incorporate best practices for online research.

Volunteer Science is a platform for creating and conducting online behavioral studies. Since launching the first experiment in 2013, over 100 researchers have recruited almost 700,000 participants from 164 countries to participate in more than 1,000 studies. We accelerate behavioral research by allowing researchers to access cutting edge research tools and share study material, reducing the overhead costs to create and run behavioral studies, and increasing sample size and diversity by creating a community of active and engaged participants all around the world.

To learn more about our research services, visit <https://volunteerscience.com/researchers>. To get started, please contact us at support@volunteerscience.com so we can assess your needs and how best we can help.

Stay Well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Radford'.

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