Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Get Clicking. This study is designed to investigate how thoughts affect task performance. It is being conducted by Tianyun Zhang who is the student investigator, as part of her honors thesis research. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Gabriele Oettingen, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts & Science, New York University. The IRB number for this study is IRB-FY2018-1531.

This study should take approximately 60 minutes of your child’s time and his/her participation is completely voluntary. If you agree to allow your child to participate in the study, he/she will be required to answer some general survey questions, complete a thinking task, and do a collection of games and puzzles. Your child will receive 1 credit for participating. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although he/she will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him/her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the underlying processes of insight problem solving.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. Your child can withdraw at any time, but if he or she withdraws before the study’s end, no credit will be given. Your child also has the right to skip or not answer any questions that he/she prefers not to answer. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published.

Confidentiality of his/her research records will be strictly maintained by assigning your child a random subject code, as well as by not collecting any personal information. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by the shredding of written packets, and deletion of electronic data (if any).

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the student investigator, Tianyun Zhang, at tz650@nyu.edu or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Gabriele Oettingen, at gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, 4 Washington Place 4th Floor, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Parent’s Signature ______________________ Date ____________