



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

Student Notice

Subject:	RESEARCH TO INVESTIGATE STUDENT'S WELL-BEING AND ITS IMPACT ON CAPACITY FOR LEARNING
Date of student Notice:	October 06, 2021
Overview:	The research by NSFAS aims to get an understanding of students' experience and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic and consider how this affects different areas of learning.



How does this affect me, the student?

There are no immediate or potential risks or consequences for you in participating in this survey.

Please understand that your participation is voluntary, and you are not being forced to take part in this study. If you choose not to take part, you and your funding will not be affected in any way whatsoever. If you agree to participate, you can stop participating in the research at any time during the process and not complete the questionnaire. If you do this, there will be no penalties and you will not be prejudiced in any way. Be assured that your funding will not, in any way, be affected by your participation or non-participation in this survey.



Which category of student does this affect?

All levels



When will this be implemented?

We are aiming for the survey to go live on the 11th of October 2021.



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What does NSFAS/ institution need from me?

We are asking you to complete survey questions asking about your general experience of COVID 19 and its impact on your well-being, participation in your academic programme and your learning ability during this time.



How does this help me the student?

There are no immediate benefits to you from participating in this study. However, this study will be helpful to us at a policy and academic level and we hope it will promote understanding of the overall impact of COVID19 on the student experience and possible learning outcomes.

This will help us identify areas that students might be struggling as well as areas of improvement It is anticipated that completing the survey should not take more than 30 minutes of your time.



Important things I need to know?

Your answers will be stored electronically in a secure environment and used for research or academic purposes now or later in ways that will not reveal your identity. All future users of the stored data are required to apply for further Research Ethics Committee review and approval for secondary use of the stored data.

We will not record your name anywhere and no one will be able to connect you to the answers you give. Your answers will be linked to a fictitious code number or a pseudonym (another name) and we will refer to you in this way in the data, any publication, report or other research output.

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Who do I speak to for enquiries related to this?

If you have concerns or questions about the research, you may contact NSFAS via

Website: www.nsfas.org.za

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