



## Using English at University – Looking for Survey Study Partners

### Survey Motivation

University coursework and everyday interactions evolve over time. Given how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected learning and assessment, the Duolingo English Test would like to understand the importance of different types of English language skills in current university life.

To do this, we will conduct a survey. We aim to recruit undergraduate and graduate students and faculty (teaching staff) from multiple English-medium institutions who will become study partners.

### The Survey

The survey contains about 50 statements related to speaking, writing, reading, listening and interacting in English as part of university life. We anticipate that surveys will take 15 - 20 minutes to complete.

There is a separate version of the survey for students and faculty. Students are asked about their perceptions of using English, and faculty are asked about the types of English language skills required in their courses. Participants are asked to respond to survey statements based on the extent to which they agree or disagree with each statement. The survey has an optional demographics question section at the end.

### Data Security

The Duolingo English Test prioritizes data security. The study does not require any personally identifying information (PII)

from study participants, so all data collection is anonymous. No data associated with your institution will be shared outside of the Duolingo English Test research team without institutional permission. All survey response data from the participants will be securely managed. See [our data security and data privacy policies](#).

### Commitments & Benefits & Incentives

**Commitments.** Partners will disseminate the survey to degree-seeking international students who were required to take an English proficiency test for admission, and to faculty who teach international students. Partners will send reminders as needed.

**Benefits.** Partner institutions will receive aggregate survey results from their institution, and across the set of participating institutions.

**Charitable Incentives.** Upon completion of the survey, the first 600 student participants can select one international charity, and Duolingo will donate \$25 on their behalf. These international charities include: *Doctors without Borders*, The Red Cross, and UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency).

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