



CERTIFICATE OF ETHICS APPROVAL

REB File Number: 24-03-106
Project Title: Semi-Structured Interview for Eliciting Expert Opinions
Faculty Principal Investigator: Jiangbo Yu
Department: Civil Engineering
Sponsor/Funding Agency (if applicable):
Research Team (if applicable):

Name	Affiliation
Jinhua Zhao	Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Approval Period:

FROM	TO
19-Apr-2024	18-Apr-2025

The *REB-1* reviewed and approved this project by Delegated review in accordance with the requirements of the McGill University Policy on the Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Human Participants and the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct For Research Involving Humans.

- * Approval is granted only for the research and purposes described.
- * The PI must inform the REB if there is a termination or interruption of their affiliation with the University. The McGill REB approval is no longer valid once the PI is no longer a student or employee.
- * An **Amendment** form must be used to submit any proposed modifications to the approved research. Modifications to the approved research must be reviewed and approved by the REB before they can be implemented. Changes to funding or adding new funding to a previously unfunded study must be submitted as an Amendment.
- * A **Continuing Review** form must be submitted before the above expiry date. Research cannot be conducted without a current ethics approval. Submit 2-3 weeks ahead of the expiry date.
A total of 5 renewals are permitted after which time a new application will need to be submitted.
- * A **Termination** form must be submitted to inform the REB when a project has been completed or terminated.
- * A **Reportable New Information** form must be submitted to report any unanticipated issues that may increase the risk level to participants or that may have other ethical implications or to report any protocol deviations that did not receive prior REB approval.
- * The REB must be promptly notified of any new information that may affect the welfare or consent of participants.
- * The REB must be notified of any suspension or cancellation imposed by a funding agency or regulatory body that is related to this study.
- * The REB must be notified of any findings that may have ethical implications or may affect the decision of the REB.



Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects
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Submission Date: Mar-18-2024

Title: E-5744, Semi-Structured Interview for Eliciting Expert Opinions

Principal Investigator: Zhao, Jinhua

Department: Urban Studies and Planning

Faculty Sponsor:

Start Date: Mar-27-2024

End Date: Jun-12-2024

Determination: Exempt

Your research activities meet the criteria for exemption as defined by Federal regulation 45 CFR 46 under the following:

Exempt Category 3 - Benign Behavioral Intervention

Research involving benign behavioral interventions where the study activities are limited to adults only and disclosure of the subjects' responses outside the research could not reasonably place the subjects at risk for criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, educational advancement, or reputation. Research does not involve deception or participants prospectively agree to the deception. 45 CFR 46.104(d)(3)

Exempt Category 2 - Educational Testing, Surveys, Interviews or Observation

Research involving surveys, interviews, educational tests or observation of public behavior with adults or children and disclosure of the subjects' responses outside the research could not reasonably place the subjects at risk for criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, educational advancement, or reputation. Research activities with children must be limited to educational tests or observation of public behavior and cannot include direct intervention by the investigator. 45 CFR 46.104(d)(2)

All members of the research team must adhere to the policies as outlined in the [Investigator Responsibilities for Exempt Research](#). If the facts surrounding your evaluation change, you are

required to submit a new Exempt Evaluation. Research records may be audited at any time during the conduct of the study.

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