

Social Entrepreneurship & Career Pathways Study Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the Social Entrepreneurship & Career Pathways Study (SECPS)?

A team of researchers from ASU is conducting a research study—supported by grant funding from the Cisco corporate-advised fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation—to assess the impact of programs that promote social entrepreneurship. Specifically, the purpose of this three-year research project (running from fall 2016 through spring 2019) is to understand how programs that involve aspects of community engagement and social entrepreneurship impact students. Moreover, the research seeks to learn about the variety of skills students gain, how their mindset about entrepreneurship evolves and how such curricula affects students' outlook on school.

2. How can the SECPS team learn more about the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) Institutional Review Board (IRB) process?

The SECPS team must visit this webpage (<https://administration.maricopa.edu/institutional-review-board>) for more information regarding the application process, documents, and resources.

The MCCCD IRB Office e-mail is irb_office@domail.maricopa.edu

As of spring 2017, the MCCCD IRB Coordinator is Lori Thorpe (lori.thorpe@domail.maricopa.edu), who can be reached at (480) 731-8701.

The MCCCD Grant Office contact is Robert Bill (robert.bill@domail.maricopa.edu).

The MCCCD IRB members for the partner colleges are:

Estrella Mountain	Bill Farrar , Rene' Willekens
Glendale	Ladonna Lewis , Julie Morrison
Mesa	Lutfi Hussein , Matt Ashcraft
Paradise Valley	John Snelling , Tom Schmidt
South Mountain	Belinda Miguel , Bradley Bush , Nathan Smith

3. Who on each campus provides Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for the Social Entrepreneurship & Career Pathways Study (SECPS) research team?

In order for the SECPS team to move forward with the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) IRB process, there needs to be approval from the Vice President of Academic Affairs or the Vice President of Learning on each partner campus.

This approval or disapproval can be granted via e-mail. The response will be included in the IRB information that will be submitted to the MCCCCD IRB office.

As of the spring 2017 semester, individuals on each partner campus were:

South Mountain Community College

Matilda “Tillie” Chavez (matilda.chavez@southmountaincc.edu), Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

Paradise Valley Community College

Dr. Mary Lou Mosely (marylou.mosley@paradisevalley.edu), Vice President of Academic Affairs

Estrella Mountain Community College

Dr. Rey Rivera (rey.rivera@estrellamountain.edu), Vice President of Learning

Glendale Community College

Eric Leshinski (eric.leshinski@gccaz.edu), Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

Mesa Community College

Dr. Rodney Holmes (rodney.holmes@mesacc.edu), Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

4. Are there any additional steps that the SECPS team must follow to get Maricopa Community College District IRB approval?

Yes! Some of the community college partner campuses have a College Research Review Committee (CRRC).

For example, Estrella Mountain Community College has their own CRRC who has the following roles:

- Advise the Vice President of Learning, who is the institutional authority to approve research.
- Oversee the review of exempt student research.
- Provide guidance to researchers in complying with IRB standards for on-campus research related to the campus mission.
- Serve as a campus resource to ensure that approved research fulfills its ethical obligations.

The SECPS team should visit the webpage

(<https://www.estrellamountain.edu/employees/committees/college-research-review>) on how to begin the IRB process on that campus.

The Principal Investigator must go through the process that says **For Employees** to get started.

5. What does participation in the SECPS entail?

The SECPS research team will conduct a pre-test survey during the first Poder session and a post-test survey during one of the last Poder sessions.

As the Poder program for that semester ends, students are invited to participate in in-person anonymous interviews about their student experience in Poder. Interview schedules are flexible and range from 60-90 minutes in length. These interviews take place outside of the Poder sessions.

Lastly, the SECPS research team may ask Poder facilitators and/or college liaisons/administrators if they would like to participate in in-person anonymous interviews.

6. How much time should a Poder facilitator allot within the sessions for the Poder surveys?

The research team would like to conduct a pre-test survey during the first Poder session and a post-test survey during one of the last Poder sessions. In past semesters, students take between 15-25 minutes to complete these surveys in the Poder sessions.

The research team invites all students to participate in the pre-test and post-test survey. Participation in the research study is voluntary and optional.

7. Where can a Poder facilitator access the pre-test and post-test surveys to administer with students?

The research team member who is assigned and works with your Poder sessions will have hardcopies of the pre-test and post-test surveys with them. They will administer the survey when the time is right for you. All you need to do is announce to the students that the research team will need their time and attention.

In addition, we post survey links on the Canvas announcements for students who may not have attended the Poder session where the pre-test or post-test surveys were administered.

Here is an example of a Canvas announcement from the spring 2017 semester:

Poder Participants – Share Your Experience - Please take a Brief Survey

It has been a pleasure getting acquainted with you all throughout the Poder program. The ASU research team wants learn more about your experiences in the program. The team invites all students, regardless of how many sessions you attended, to take a 10-15 minute post-test survey. **Please use the link below to take the survey.**

Survey Link: <https://link to survey>

The team is also conducting in-person anonymous interviews about your student experience in Poder. Interview schedules are flexible range from 60-90 minutes in length.

For your time, interview participants receive \$50.00 dollars cash for their participation.

If you are interested in participating in an interview, please use the link below to sign up.

Sign-up here: <https://link to survey>

The team will be conducting interviews until May 19th.

Thank you!

ASU Research Team

8. *When will I know which SECPS research team member is assigned to the Poder session I facilitate?*

The SECPS research team will likely attend the Poder facilitator training prior to the start of that semester's Poder sessions. There will be an opportunity for Poder facilitators to meet members of the research team there.

Prior to the start of the Poder sessions, the Poder program manager and/or research coordinator will inform all Poder session facilitators who will be attending their Poder sessions throughout the semester.

If the research team member assigned to the Poder sessions is not available to attend one of the sessions, the research coordinator will notify the Poder facilitator of their absence and inform them who will be going in their place.

9. *Can the Poder facilitator and/or college liaison/administrator ask the research project assistants to help during Poder sessions?*

Yes! The principal investigator, Dr. Alissa Ruth, sees no issues with research assistants participating and/or helping in the Poder sessions as this is part of their participant observer role.

10. *Who should I contact if I have additional questions about the study?*

Should you have any questions about the research study, you may direct your inquiries to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Alissa Ruth (copied here), at alissa.ruth@asu.edu or [480-965-4628](tel:480-965-4628).