UOA COUPLES STUDY

Frequently Asked Questions

**AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?**

If you and your partner have been in a relationship for at least 6 months, are living together (with or without flatmates), are both working and/or studying, are currently sexually active (in any form!), and do not have children, you are eligible to participate.

**WHAT DO I GET FOR PARTICIPATING?**

We recognise that our study asks for a lot of your time and effort, and therefore you and your partner will receive approximately $200 worth of vouchers to thank you for your full participation in the study. This study also offers you an opportunity to reflect on important aspects of your life, and you will receive a summary of the main findings at the end of the study.

**I CAN’T COMMIT TO THE WHOLE STUDY - CAN I STILL PARTICIPATE?**

For our research, it’s necessary that you participate in all steps of the study. However, three of the steps can be completed online from your home (wherever that is). We’re also happy to chat with you about ways that we can accommodate your needs.

**WHAT IF I HAVE A CHANGE IN MY WORK OR RELATIONSHIP STATUS DURING THE STUDY?**

We have alternate ways for you to complete the study if you experience a change or loss of your job/study. Depending on when you experience a change in relationship status, we may also have other ways for you to continue with the study - just keep us up to date!

**I WILL BE MOVING/TRAVELLING AT SOME POINT DURING THE STUDY. IS THAT OK?**

Yes - as long as you can be in Auckland for the lab session at the University city campus, and as long as you and your partner remain living together.

**WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH FOR?**

Our research aims to gain insight into how couples manage the many aspects of their lives and achieve positive wellbeing and functioning. Once we have collected everyone’s responses, we will use them to better understand these processes, and important findings will be published in peer-reviewed journals in our field. Your responses will always be kept secure and confidential, and we will send a summary of the main findings to all of our participants at the completion of the study.