Study: How Cybersecurity has been integrated into Liberal Arts Technology Programs

Consent Information:

The purpose of this study is to explore how Cybersecurity has been included in Liberal Arts Institutional programs. The study will give greater insight into the beneficial elements that Liberal Arts institutions are utilizing, while also providing research-based justifications for current or future program development. This is a research project being conducted by Jakob Barnard in conjunction with doctoral studies at the University of the Cumberlands.

You are invited to participate in this research project because of your status as a faculty or curriculum development member at an institution that identifies itself as being liberal arts based and are involved with that institutions technology program or curricula. There is no compensation expressed or implied for participating in this survey and interview.

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You may choose not to participate. If you decide to participate in this research survey, you may withdraw at any time. If you decide not to participate in this study or if you withdraw from participating at any time, you will not be penalized.

The procedure involves filling an online survey that will take approximately 5 minutes and be only utilized as initial data classification. Your responses will be confidential. Following the initial survey, an interview will be scheduled that will take approximately 60 minutes. All data is stored in a password protected electronic format. Personally identifying information such as names of participants or institutions will be replaced with IDs prior to inclusion in the dissertation or any future publications. All classification information will be de-identified and aggregated.

If you have any questions about the research study, please contact Jakob Barnard via email: jbarnard21577@ucumberlands.edu. The dissertation committee chair is Dr. Kathleen Hargiss and can be reached via email: kathleen.hargiss@ucumberlands.edu. This research has been reviewed according to University of the Cumberlands IRB procedures for research involving human subjects and approval can be found here: https://professorb.info/research-activity/dissertation/.