



**University of Arizona  
Consent to Participate in Research**

**Study Title: Next-Generation Sonoran Desert researchers Border Survey**

**Principal Investigator: Dr. Taylor Edwards**

**You are being asked to participate in a research study.** Your participation in this research study is voluntary and you do not have to participate. This document contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your decision whether or not to participate.

*The Next-Generation Sonoran Desert Researchers Board of Directors is collecting data on how NGen members and other researchers who work in the US/Mexico border region are affected by border policies and if there have been changes that effect both the work and cross-border collaboration.*

*To participate in this study, you must have at least 4 years of experience conducting fieldwork in the U.S.-Mexico border region (within 60 miles/100 km) and/or directly related to border issues.*

*The intention of this study is to document the interactions researchers working in the border region experience with authorities, people crossing the US border, and others. The survey questions will be used to quantify the type interactions and to assess recent changes to in those interactions.*

There are no expected risks to you as a result of participating in this study.  
You will not benefit directly from participating in this study.

The survey consists of 59 questions and should take roughly 15-20 minutes to complete. The information that you give in the study will be anonymous - no personal data is collected. If you choose to participate, you may stop the survey at any time. Because of the nature of the data, it may be possible to deduce your identity from your answers; however, there will be no attempt to do so and your data will be reported in a way that will not identify you. Your participation in this survey assumes consent.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about the study or would like to share additional information with N-Gen, please contact [nextgensd@gmail.com](mailto:nextgensd@gmail.com) with the subject line "N-Gen Border Survey".

For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact the Human Subjects Protection Program at 520-626-6721 or online at <http://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program>.