



Carleton Top 5 Newsletter: Office comfort and usability study



The Human Building Interaction Laboratory from Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is recruiting participants to take part in brief interviews that address the comfort and usability of offices on campus. Anonymized findings will be used to inform future Carleton workspace design.

This study involves one 15-minute interview that will take place in your office/workspace, at your convenience by June 15. Questions cover your comfort and ability to improve comfort.

With your consent, your comfort controls (i.e. thermostat, operable window, etc.) will be photographed for comparison to other offices on campus. The results from this survey will be kept on a safe, encrypted hard-drive, and will be used to identify aggregate patterns of comfort and usability issues within offices at Carleton.

To take part in this study, individuals must meet the criteria of:

1. Full-time Carleton University employee
2. Have an assigned office/workspace (private, shared, open-plan, cubicle, etc.) in one of the following buildings: Canal Building, Mackenzie Engineering Building, Minto CASE, Tory Building, Robertson Hall, River/Richcraft Hall, Paterson Hall, Loeb Building, Steacie Building, Herzberg Laboratories, Dunton Tower, or the Health Sciences Building.

Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and your involvement will remain confidential. If you choose to withdraw during the study for any reason, your information will be permanently deleted. The deadline to withdraw from the study is July 25th.

As a token of appreciation, you will receive \$10 cash. This is yours to keep, even if you withdraw from the study.

If are interested in participating in this research project, or have any questions, please contact:

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This project was reviewed by the Carleton University Research Ethics Board, which provided clearance to carry out the research. Should you have any ethical concerns with the study, please contact:

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