Governor’s Chairs’ Use of the University of Tennessee Libraries

INTRODUCTION
You are invited to participate in a research study. Its purpose is to gather data on the Governor’s Chairs’ and their designees’ use of the University of Tennessee Libraries. The responses may be reported on in an internal library report and possibly later research publications.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE STUDY
You will be asked to answer three survey questions. It should take no more than 15 minutes of your time. The first question is a multiple choice question about library services that the Governor's Chairs have used. The second question asks how many personnel use the Libraries on behalf of you as a Governor’s Chair. It also asks you to specify what types of personnel these are, such as graduate students, ORNL affiliates, and staff. The third question is an open-ended question asking how the UT Libraries can serve the Governor's Chairs better in the future.

RISKS
There are no anticipated risks to you in participating in the study.

BENEFITS
You could receive improved library services once the data from the survey are analyzed. Also the group of Governor's Chairs could benefit. Finally, there may be some potential for indirect benefit to the University and the State since the Governor’s Chairs produce economic benefits and scientific discoveries, and possibly having better library services could make them more productive.

CONFIDENTIALITY
Your survey data will be kept confidential. Data will be stored securely and will be made available only to the researcher conducting the study. No reference will be made in oral or written reports which could link you to the study.

CONTACT
If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the researcher, Jeanine Williamson, at Hodges Library, 1015 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, TN, 37996, or (865) 974-9164. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, contact the Office of Research and Engagement Compliance Officer, Kristine Hershberger at (865) 974-7697.

PARTICIPATION
Your participation in this study is voluntary; you may decline to participate without
penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time.

I have read the above information and consent to participate. Please print out a copy of the informed consent section if you wish to.