

Using Incentives in Research

- An incentive must be consistent with the effort of the participants (i.e. non-coercive).
- Subjects participating in the same study and completing the same tasks should be compensated equitably when appropriate. *
- In a case where there are different incentives offered for different subject groups in a research protocol,
 - Justification will need to be given in the application for different incentives for different groups.
 - All incentives for all groups should be listed on a singular consent form to ensure all participants are fully informed.
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- * Variation in compensation may occur when it can be justified. For example, it is reasonable that compensation for subject populations in different countries may vary according to cultural customs or if a group in a study is involved in more testing than another, ie control group.