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## Beyond the Competition: The Enduring Impact of Map the System on Student Learning & Trajectories

### Summary of the project

This study, conducted by researchers from Thompson Rivers University, explores how participating in Map the System may influence alumni after the competition ends. By speaking with Map the System (MtS) alumni from different countries and years of participation, the study aims to understand whether and how the experience has influenced the way participants approach complex problems, engage with systems thinking, or shape their educational and career paths.

The findings will contribute to a better understanding of the educational impact of the MtS competition and may help inform future learning opportunities for students and alumni. Results may be presented at academic conferences and may be published in a peer reviewed journal. Participants may request a summary of the study findings once the research is complete.

### Informed consent to participate.

You are **not** required to participate in this interview. This is just an invitation and informed consent form that you can accept or decline with no negative consequences to you. If you decide to participate in this interview, we will contact you via email to set a time convenient for you to take the interview online (via Microsoft Teams).

Before the interview, you will be asked to complete a brief visual mapping activity, which will take approximately 15 minutes (or more depending on your own interest in making the drawing). This will involve creating a simple map of your journey before and after participating in MtS. This map will be used during the interview to support discussion and reflection. The interview will take around 60-75 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions about your experience and your views since participating in MtS. You will be provided with a copy of our research findings at the end of the research project, if you wish.

We don't foresee any potential risk from participating in the interview. We expect that talking about your personal and professional experience since participating in Map the System will mostly be a positive experience. However, if you experience any discomfort or stress during the interview, you can decide not to answer those questions and you can withdraw (stop taking part) at any time without detriment to yourself. If you decide to withdraw after starting the interview, all data collected up to that point will be erased and will not be used in the study if you request its removal. Please notify us within 3 days of the interview if you wish to withdraw from the study. After three days, your information will be de-identified and integrated into the analysis and cannot be removed. If needed, our contact information can be found at the end of the consent form.

The interview will be conducted by Dr. Cheryl Gladu. The data collected from this interview will be used for scholarly purposes such as presentations in academic conferences, graduate student theses, and publications in academic journals. They will also be used in the development of a report that may be shared with administrators of Map the System at several institutions.



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### Confidentiality

By this undertaking being an interview, the researcher will know your real identity. True anonymity, as such, cannot be assured. We will work to protect your privacy, but you should know that this is a limit to confidentiality. You may choose which level of disclosure you'd like to maintain for shared results such as presentations, papers and publications (see below).

### Consent to Interview

As indicated by my signature below, I have read this consent form, and I volunteer to participate in this interview. I have received a copy of this consent form. I understand that I will be contacted to set a time convenient for me to participate in the interview online.

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|-----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| YES | NO | I have read and understood the information above. I am 19 years of age or older and agree to participate in this interview                                                                         |
| YES | NO | I grant permission to be audio and video recorded during the interview.                                                                                                                            |
| YES | NO | I consent to the researchers using direct quotations from this interview to share the findings of the research project with a wider audience.                                                      |
| YES | NO | I accept that my name will appear in the publications of this study. Note: A code or generic "past student participant" can be used in place of your name- select "No" if that is your preference. |

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Investigators

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