

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

GO BARRIER FREE: A STUDY OF GAPS AND BEST PRACTICES IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS

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The Information and Communication Technology Research group within New Brunswick Community College has obtained funding from the Advancing Accessibility Standards Research Program of Accessibility Standards Canada to conduct a three-year study of accessibility standards.

The purpose of this program is to support research that helps identify and remove barriers to accessibility. The program also seeks to fund projects aimed at preventing new barriers and that inform the development of next-generation model standards.

Our study will examine accessibility standards in three areas:

- Information and communication technologies,
- The built environment, and
- Transportation.

As part of this design process, NBCC-MU is conducting a series of surveys and interviews with individuals who have disabilities and people who care for people with disabilities.

This study has been approved by NBCC's [Research Ethics Board](#).

Your participation could contribute to the improvement of accessibility standards for Information and communication technologies, the built environment, and transportation.

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You have a choice of two ways to participate:

- **Online interview** via videoconferencing.
- **Online survey** format.

Surveys and interviews last not more than 60 minutes.

Interview questions will be provided in a written format in-person and digitally before the interview.

You are eligible for this study if you answer "yes" to criteria 1 and 1 below and "yes" to at least one category under criterion 3 below:

1. You do not require a guardian to consent on your behalf.
2. You are at least 18 years of age.
3. You fit into one or multiple of the following categories:
 - 3.1. You are someone with disabilities. – Cohort 1
 - 3.2. You are someone experienced with accessibility (e.g. teacher, trainer, academic researcher). – Cohort 2
 - 3.3. You are someone who manages a disability program for an organization. – Cohort 3
 - 3.4. You care for someone with disabilities, including someone who has intellectual or cognitive impairments. – Cohort 4

CONSENT FORM

A consent form will be provided in digital format alongside the survey, and a written design before the interview.

CONTACT

If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to Andrew.Urquhart@nbcc.ca with the subject line "Go Barrier Free – Volunteer." Please include in the body of your email which **cohort** you fall into and whether you prefer to participate by **survey** or **interview**. We will contact you to arrange your survey or interview.

Please respond to this Call for Participation before **March 29, 2024**. *

Please share this document if someone you know is eligible and would like to participate in our study.