

What does **college readiness** *actually* mean?

Researchers and policymakers have theories about college readiness. **This study wants to add your voice to the conversation.**

WHAT IS THIS?



We're testing a survey about college readiness. We're looking for 15 students to participate in a one-time interview (30-60 minutes) to talk through the survey and help us improve it.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?



All undergraduate students are eligible. We are particularly interested in hearing from students who are the first in their families to go to college or are in a STEM major

WHAT WILL YOU DO?



You'll join a zoom call and read through an online survey with the researcher. You'll share what the questions mean to you and whether they reflect your experience. You will be helping to make sure this research actually reflects student experience.



INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/pyb28p22 to set up an interview on Calendly.

Questions? Contact **Anna Barkley, PhD Candidate** barkley4@illinois.edu



This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. It is part of a doctoral dissertation in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership. Participation is voluntary and involves completing a one-time interview. Responses will remain confidential and will be used solely for research purposes. For questions about the study, please contact Anna Barkley at barkley4@illinois.edu. Protocol Number IRB26-0080. Date approved: 2/17/2026.

