

FLOTO Participation Info Sheet

Thank you for your interest in participating in our Internet measurement project. Please read and understand this info sheet before signing up to receive a device.

Study Purpose and Procedures

The FLOTO study aims to measure Internet performance in households using a small computing device. By participating, you'll receive a device to connect to your home Internet router. The device will run Internet performance tests to measure Internet speed and connection stability from your home out to the rest of the Internet.

Compensation

As a thank-you for your participation, you'll receive \$50 in gift cards. To receive the full compensation, please keep the device in your home for at least 3 months. You will also have access to a private web dashboard to view data on your home internet connection in real-time. If you want to have your data downloaded and sent to you, just send us a message.

Data Collection and Privacy

We'll collect your email and address to see if you qualify to participate and to deliver the device. Your information will be kept private and stored securely at the University of Chicago. The measurement data collected by the device will not include your name, address, or any other personal information. The device that measures your Internet *does not* enable us to see or track your online activity. All personal data will be destroyed within two years of collection.

Data Sharing and Publication

We will not sell your data to anyone. Measurements of the internet service at your household will be made available for public research and community decision-making. These data will be anonymized for publication, and your personal information will not be disclosed at all. We may use the geographic coordinates of the device's location to inform our research. However, we will never publish your address data.

Device Security

Our devices are continuously monitored and managed by members of our network team. We have implemented security measures to remove device vulnerabilities to the best of our ability.

Voluntary Participation

Your participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without consequences. Just send us back the device.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at uchicago-floto@googlegroups.com.

Thank you for considering participating in our research!