

Project Title: Enhanced real-time and post-production captioning for VoiceWriter captioning software

Participate in a Ryerson/ Mediac study

The purpose of this study is to gather general information from people who have no experience using captioning software to develop captions.

Who

- Participants:
 - who are comfortable with editing software;
 - who feel comfortable testing new software; and
 - who have never been paid for their work in captioning; and
 - who may have captioned before but not for pay

What

- Participants will be asked to sign a voluntary consent form to participate and can withdraw from the study at any point without penalty;
- Participants will be required to commit themselves for 2 hours to participate in the study:
 - A pre questionnaire (consisting of 18 short questions. Approx 15 minutes);
 - A demonstration of the caption software, either online or in person, developed at the Inclusive Media and Design Centre (IMDC) at Ryerson (Approx 15 minutes);
 - Using the software to caption two 5 minute video clips (Approx 45 minutes);
 - A post questionnaire (consisting of 14 short questions. Approx 15 minutes);
- The study will be video recorded (for those attending in person) and participants' captions will be viewed by members of the Deaf and hard of hearing communities.

Where

- Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University, 55 Dundas Street West. Exact room location TBD or at your physical or virtual location (if you live far away, we can express you a copy of the study to complete virtually)
- Assistance with transportation costs will be provided as necessary

When

- December 2016 to April 2017. Exact date and time TBD
- Compensation of \$20 and food and drinks will be offered to participants who come to Ryerson
- Assistance with transportation within the GTA will be provided and can be negotiated ahead of time with researchers.
- ASL translation services will be provided as necessary if given sufficient notice (2 weeks ahead of time).

How

- To confirm attendance, email Margot Whitfield at margot.whitfield@ryerson.ca or call the Inclusive Media and Design Centre (IMDC) at 416-979-5000 ext. 7110

This research has been approved by the Ryerson University Research Ethics Board.