

## Approval Statement

### Purpose

We are undergraduate students at Olin College, enrolled in a Collaborative Design course that explores user-centered design. We are seeking to learn about independent filmmakers to design a product/resource that benefits people in this field, while also improving our own skills in learning from and collaborating with a user group.

### Description

As students, we will use your work for educational and learning purposes. We are not researchers, nor are we conducting a study. As such, we are interested in learning about your work and your passion for the field of independent filmmaking.

### Information collection techniques that will be used

We would like to be observing your work and taking notes on both your activities and responses to questions. We may also like to record audio, but will ask you beforehand.

### Risks and benefits, especially regarding confidentiality

Your name and identity will be known only to our instructors and ourselves, and we will anonymize your identity and change your name in all artifacts and media we produce visible to our class. However, we cannot guarantee full confidentiality.

### Time commitment

We ask for in-person interviews or tours, ideally lasting about 60 minutes. We are willing to adapt to your schedule to find a time that works best for you. If this doesn't work, we are also willing to conduct interviews over Zoom. We may request follow-up engagements, but you can always opt out at any point.

### Compensation

Note that as students, we will not be able to provide compensation of any sort, nor will we be able to provide any direct benefits besides helping students learn and grow.

### Request for approval to use the techniques identified

We would like your permission to use some of these techniques. If at any time your decision changes, please let us know.

### Contact information (for students and professors)

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via email at [filmmakers.olincd@gmail.com](mailto:filmmakers.olincd@gmail.com) or phone at (281)-203-1145. Our instructor is also available at [jpratt@olin.edu](mailto:jpratt@olin.edu).