

NIH All of Us Research Program
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Q & A Responses (Post-Webinar)
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GENERAL QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

How much does it cost to participate in *All of Us*?

There are no costs to participate—the institution registers as a partner and each researcher also completes the registration process with no fees required to participate. *All of Us* provides \$300 in initial credits for researchers to help them get started on the Researcher Workbench. For additional information, see the “NIH *All of Us* Research Program Introduction and Texas Members for Webinar” document posted [here](#).

How do we access the link for office hours?

All of Us Live [Event Calendar](#): This provides a list of scheduled live virtual Office Hour events for the *All of Us* community. Most events are scheduled at 1 pm CST. For more information about these different types of Office Hour sessions, please see [this article](#).

How do we sign-up for the researcher newsletter? See the [newsletter](#) link to receive an electronic newsletter via email with the latest news and insights from the All of Us Research Hub.

My students are required to participate in a study as a research subject. In the past I offered them All of Us. I stopped doing that because I was concerned that they might be just giving the initial data and then dropping out. Is this a justified concern?

We encourage volunteers to join the program and answer surveys on different topics with the hope that they remain active over the long-term (Participation, [here](#)). However, we recognize that this is not always possible. So, yes, please encourage people over the age of 18 to participate.

Explain the DURA ([Data Use and Registration Agreement](#)) process, how do the contract offices get access to the DURA to review? Is there one DURA or multiple DURAs based on the type of data?

The *All of Us* Data and Research Center (DRC) is coordinated through Vanderbilt University Medical Center. They review DURA applications and contracts with organizations. The DURA process can take several months for institutions to complete. After that, researchers affiliated with these institutions will be eligible to register and begin their research using *All of Us* data to help maximize the impact of this scientific resource. Institutions may submit a DURA request and researchers may create an account, [here](#).

If an institution shows as R and C does that mean they have already bought in?

Yes, R&C designates your university already entered a data use agreement with *All of Us*. Data access is available in a Registered (R) Tier and a Controlled (C) Tier format, according to the DURA agreement provided.

Is there opportunity to survey faculty and student researchers about their experiences?

We can happily share the results of the researcher satisfaction survey as well as other surveys as they become available. Contact: Margaret M. Farrell, MPH RD, Science Communications Team Lead, NIH *All of Us* Research Program, farrellm@nih.gov .

DATA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

The [Data Browser](#) provides the opportunity to browse aggregate-level data contributed by *All of Us* research participants. Data are derived from multiple [data sources](#). To protect participant privacy, we have removed personal identifiers, rounded aggregate data to counts of 20, and only included summary demographic information. Individual-level data are available for analysis in the [Researcher Workbench](#).

Is there data on social determinants of health?

A place to start would be the data browser to search for the type of data you would want as well as the survey explorer where you can view the survey questions, [here](#).

Will biospecimen be available, if so when?

Access to biospecimens for ancillary studies is not yet widely available. When the program opens access to biospecimens, we will require an NIH Letter of Support from All of Us. To help researchers prepare, the approximate date range when requests for access will start to be considered will be announced, along with more information on the procedures, policies, and requirements for access. We will be posting updates as those policies are updated, [here](#).

Will there be RFAs for mining the *All of Us* data or do researchers have to find their own funds to do so?

We expect that funding opportunities for researchers will continue to grow. For a list of current NIH Notice of Funding Opportunities, see [here](#), where we regularly update a list opportunities funded by the program as well as NIH Institutes, Offices, and Centers.

Does the database cover children and nature-related interactions and cognitive development?

At this time, we only enroll participants age 18 and above. But, we look forward to enrolling children in the near future. We have EHR/electronic health record data that goes back to 1980s already in the dataset and a growing body of longitudinal research projects. *All of Us* might not be the best dataset for this specific interest, but may serve as a reference dataset.

Is there nutrition data available to integrate with the genetic, microbiome, phenotype, etc. data to conduct precision nutrition analyses for personalized dietary recommendations?

NIH recently opened enrollment in the [Nutrition for Precision Health, powered by the All of Us Research Program](#) (NPH). NPH will link participants' data from the study to information obtained through the *All of Us* Research Program, including genetics information and data from electronic health records and additional surveys. The study will leverage advances in AI to analyze this vast amount of data from participants to develop algorithms predicting how a person will respond to a particular food or diet based on various factors. All of this data will ultimately be accessible through *All of Us*' data platform, the [Researcher Workbench](#), to support many other studies on health and disease.

What is available on obesity in underrepresented women?

Within the Researcher Workbench, it is possible to link demographic, survey, genomic, and electronic health record data. You can view the data available via the All of Us Data Browser, [here](#).

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