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A research opportunity is out there for everyone.

RESEARCHER FAQ

What is the overall objective of ResearchMatch.org?
ResearchMatch aims to serve as an effective, useful and complementary recruitment tool helping connect willing volunteers with researchers who are searching for appropriate volunteers to be placed in their research studies (not just clinical trials).

Is ResearchMatch only for clinical trials?
No, ResearchMatch is available to help match any type of IRB-approved study with ResearchMatch Volunteers.

What do I have to do to use ResearchMatch as a recruitment tool?
Researchers at participating sites will be given access to register through the ResearchMatch system. Upon registration, researchers may request either feasibility or recruitment access. To gain Recruitment Access, a study’s Principal Investigator (PI) and/or authorized recruitment proxy must submit sufficient evidence of having an approved IRB study. Your request will be routed to your site’s institutional liaison(s) who will review your request. Please contact info@researchmatch.org if you wish to learn of your site’s Institutional Liaison(s).

What do I need to communicate to my IRB if I want to use ResearchMatch?
You may need to add ResearchMatch as one of your recruitment tools and/or mechanisms in your IRB protocol and that you will plan to utilize this tool once it has become activated for researchers.

How can my institution participate?
Currently, invitations to participate in ResearchMatch are limited to only those certain sites approved by ResearchMatch. If you are from a site that is not featured in the ResearchMatch Network, please contact info@researchmatch.org to learn of your site’s current status. Eligible sites wishing to participate must sign the ResearchMatch Master Institutional Registry Agreement (MIRA) and assign an Institutional Liaison to serve as the liaison between ResearchMatch and your site. ResearchMatch looks forward to expanding its Network in the future. Whether or not you are from an approved site, please fill out the Researcher Interest Form to express your interest to learn more about ResearchMatch.

How do I get matched with Volunteers?
After you have been granted recruitment access, you will be able to search for appropriate matches amongst the non-identifiable ResearchMatch Volunteer profiles in the system. You will enter your study’s criteria in the ResearchMatch Search Builder which will yield a list of these potential matches. You will send out IRB-approved content in your initial recruitment message to these potential matches through ResearchMatch. The secure ResearchMatch clearinghouse will route your message to each of these potential matches and they will have the option of replying yes, no, or no response. Your study’s home page will feature all those Volunteers who say yes and show aggregate figures/charts demonstrating the response rate to your initial recruitment message. Once the Volunteer has authorized ResearchMatch to release their contact information to you, you will be responsible for managing this contact information as called for by your IRB-study protocol.
What does it cost to use ResearchMatch?
ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit activity and is free for any participating site & their researchers.

Will my ResearchMatch access expire?
Yes, your access to recruit via ResearchMatch will last only as long as your IRB-study approval. **The expiration date of your ResearchMatch access will mirror the expiration date of your study.** You will be able to submit successful continuing review applications via ResearchMatch. If an unintentional lapse in time occurs and you are not able to submit this information in time, your ResearchMatch data will not be lost.

What can I do if I have more questions?
For general questions, please email ResearchMatch at info@researchmatch.org or visit the ResearchMatch Contact page to submit your question or comment. Also, your suggestions about how we can improve this resource for you are always welcome!