You can make a difference through research.

About ResearchMatch

"More than 80 percent of clinical research suffers from recruitment or retention issues," said Gary Rosenthal, director of the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Iowa. ResearchMatch helps eliminate this problem and connects people who are interested in volunteering for research studies with the researchers who are looking for people to participate in their studies.

ResearchMatch for Researchers

Access to ResearchMatch is granted on a study-by-study basis; that is, investigators must individually register each study. Registration takes only a few minutes and you must complete the process in one sitting.

There are two levels of access available to University of Minnesota investigators: feasibility access and recruitment access.

Register Now

Ready to register as a researcher?
Visit researchmatch.org/researchers.

Feasability Access

Feasibility access gives you the ability to view aggregate data on the registry population without an Institutional Review Board (IRB)-approved protocol. To register a study for feasibility access, you must:

- Be affiliated with Mayo Clinic
- Provide your institutional contact information
- Create a ResearchMatch user name and password

Recruitment Access

Recruitment access gives you the ability to recruit volunteers through ResearchMatch. To register a study for recruitment access, you must meet same access requirements as for Feasibility Access. In addition, for each study you want to recruit for, you must:

- Upload an electronic copy of your IRB minute item citing approval for recruitment method (ResearchMatch) and the specific email language to be used
- Be the principal investigator (PI) or an individual who is authorized to recruit for the study on behalf of the PI

NOTE: Individuals accessing as a proxy for the PI will be asked to indicate that, and to provide the study PI's name, email address and phone number.

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

How can my institution participate?
Currently, invitations to participate in ResearchMatch are limited to only those sites that have been awarded and are affiliated with a Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium. If you are from a CTSA-affiliated site that is not featured in the ResearchMatch Network, please contact info@researchmatch.org to learn of your site's current status. Eligible sites that wish 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 beyond the CTSA in the future. Whether or not you are from a CTSA site, please fill out the Researcher Interest Form to express your interest to learn more about ResearchMatch when it may become available in the future.

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.