

Older Adult Research (OAR) Registry

If you are age 50 or older, we invite you to enroll in the OAR registry managed by the Center for Gerontology. The OAR registry is used to connect researchers with older adults interested in being part of aging research.

Opportunities as a research participant may come available with studies that focus on topics such as individual health conditions and concerns, computer use and technology, family relationships and caregiving, health care and community services, housing, and transportation.

Selection for each study will be based on information you provide at registration. If you are selected, it will be your decision as to whether or not you decide to participate.

If you would like to be included in the OAR registry, simply fill out the attached registration form and return it to the Center or submit it electronically through our website at

www.gerontology.vt.edu

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CENTER FOR GERONTOLOGY at VIRGINIA TECH

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You are invited to participate in the Older Adult Research (OAR) registry - a database that contains information about adults (age 50+) interested in participating in research projects. The OAR registry is used to connect researchers with older adults willing to take part in research studies. By enrolling in the OAR registry, you can make yourself available as a potential participant for future studies.

PROCEDURES: If you would like to be included in the OAR registry, please complete a registration form. Listed on the form are 20 questions about yourself including your name, age, contact information, health status, and caregiving responsibilities. It should take you less than 2 minutes to complete the form.

Your responses will be entered into the OAR registry database. If your responses match the characteristics of participants needed for a particular project, your name and contact information will be given to the Virginia Tech researcher leading that study. In turn, he or she will contact you and give you information about the project. It will be your decision as to whether or not you decide to participate. The only information the OAR registry will receive back from researchers is whether or not you agreed to participate. To protect you against any unforeseen burdens and demands on your time, your name will not be provided to researchers if you are already enrolled in 2 or more studies.

Volunteering for the OAR registry does not guarantee that you will be recruited for a study. Your name will be kept active in the registry unless you notify us that you no longer wish to participate. After five years, if you have not participated in a study, you will be contacted and asked if you would like to remain in the OAR registry. If you wish to remain, you will be asked to update your information. If you wish to have your name removed, your information will be deleted from the registry.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS: There are no more than minimal risks in providing the information requested beyond what would be expected in everyday life. The information you provide will not be sold or distributed to persons or entities outside of the Center.

BENEFITS: You may feel a sense of altruism, or giving back to the community, by participating in the OAR registry. Society may benefit by having you participate in aging-related research projects.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Information you provide will be kept confidential. Your information will be stored with a code number; your name will not be linked to it until you are recruited to participate in a study.

COSTS AND PAYMENTS: There is no cost to you for participating in the OAR registry. You will not receive any form of compensation for registering.

RIGHT TO WITHDRAW: Participation in the OAR registry is voluntary. You are free to choose the questions you wish to answer. You can withdraw your name and information at any time by contacting the Center for Gerontology by phone (540-231-7657), email (gero@vt.edu), or mail Center for Gerontology, Virginia Tech, 237 Wallace Hall (0426), Blacksburg, VA 24061.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Neither the Center for Gerontology Director, Karen A. Roberto, nor the Center staff, are receiving financial incentives for developing or maintaining the OAR registry.

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH: This registry has been approved, as required, by the Institutional Review Board for Research Involving Human Subjects at Virginia Tech.

**Center for Gerontology at Virginia Tech
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Name _____ **Age** _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____ **County** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

How would you like us to contact you about studies? (Mark all that apply)

Mail Phone Email

If you were asked to join a study, would you be willing to ...

have a researcher visit your home?	Yes	No
be interviewed over the telephone?	Yes	No
complete a questionnaire mailed to you?	Yes	No
complete an on-line survey?	Yes	No
travel to the VT campus in Blacksburg?	Yes	No

Please tell us more about yourself by marking the responses that best describe you:

Sex: Male Female

Race: White/Caucasian Black/African American Asian Other (specify) _____

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Who lives with you? (Mark all that apply)

I live alone Spouse/Partner Child Grandchild Other (specify) _____

Has a doctor ever said that you have any of the following health conditions? (Mark all that apply)

Arthritis	Asthma	Cancer	COPD	Chronic Pain
Depression	Diabetes	Heart Disease	High BP	Memory Loss
Migraines	Neuropathy	Obesity	Stroke	Osteoporosis

Other (specify) _____

Are you a caregiver? Yes No

If yes, for whom? (Mark all that apply)

Spouse/Partner Child Grandchild Friend Other (specify) _____

Does the person(s) you care for have memory problems? Yes No

If yes, has a doctor said it is... (Mark all that apply)

Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) Alzheimer's Disease I Do Not Know