



Commonly asked questions about ResearchMatch

We often hear great questions from Volunteers about how participation on ResearchMatch works. Here are answers to some of the most common ones.

How do I join a research study through ResearchMatch?

- After creating a free ResearchMatch Volunteer account and completing your health profile, Researchers may contact you if your profile appears to be a good fit for their study. If you receive a message from a Researcher, you can review information about their study and decide whether or not you'd like to learn more or participate—there's no obligation to say yes. If you'd like to learn more or participate, simply click "Yes, I'm

interested” at the bottom of that message and your contact information will be released to the study team who will reach out with next steps!

How do I get matched with studies I'm interested in?

- ResearchMatch uses the information you provide in your Volunteer profile - such as your health history - to securely match you with any research studies for which you might be a good fit. Keeping your profile complete and up to date helps improve the quality of matches to research studies you receive.

You can also use our [Trials Today](#) tool to search for research studies that may be of interest to you! Just answer a few short questions about the types of trials you're looking for, and this tool will generate a list of studies that are currently recruiting participants.

How do I get compensated for the studies I participate in?

- Compensation is determined by individual research studies, not by ResearchMatch. Some studies offer payment, gift cards, or other forms of compensation, while others may not. If compensation is available, the research team will explain the details during the study's consent process. ResearchMatch never handles payments or financial information for studies.

What's the difference between ResearchMatch and the research studies on ResearchMatch?

- ResearchMatch serves as an **introduction service** - helping Volunteers learn about studies they *might* be eligible for and helping Researchers reach potential participants for their research studies. The research studies that use ResearchMatch are **separate, independent projects** run by universities, hospitals, or research organizations.

If you choose to respond to a study invitation, you are communicating directly with the study team - not with ResearchMatch.

ResearchMatch is the bridge, and research studies are the destinations!

Want to learn more? Visit the ResearchMatch **Volunteer [FAQ page](#)** for detailed answers to these and other questions.

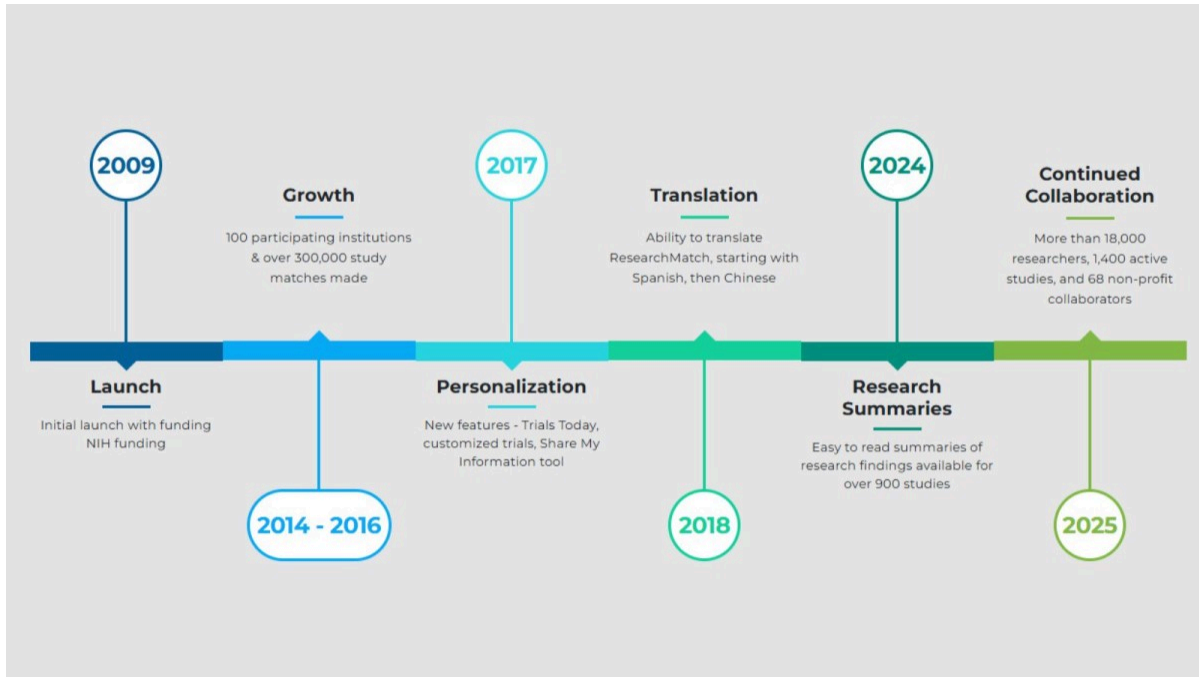
Your participation helps advance health research—thank you for being part of the ResearchMatch community!

Learn more about ResearchMatch and how it works to connect you with research studies

All too often, research studies end early because they can't find enough volunteers to take part. Meanwhile, many people are looking for studies to join but can't find them. Because of this, many research studies are cut short or don't reach their enrollment goals, and important scientific questions are left unanswered.

A team of researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, in collaboration with many other academic medical centers, created ResearchMatch in 2009 to address this challenge. The hope was to benefit volunteers AND researchers by building a platform where both groups could connect. Click [here](#) to read more about ResearchMatch and how it works.

Since 2009, ResearchMatch has continued to grow and evolve over the last 15 years, to include more personalized features, ability to access the platform in different languages, and continued collaboration with more research teams, research institutions, and community collaborators.



Have an idea about how ResearchMatch could be improved? Email us at info@researchmatch.org. We'd love to hear from you!



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