

The *All of Us* Research Program Overview and Tribal Engagement

**All
of Us**
RESEARCH PROGRAM

June 6, 2023



Welcome and Introduction

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Agenda

- **Program Overview (~50 min)**
 - **About the *All of Us* Research Program**
 - **Tribal Engagement in All of Us**
- **Questions and Discussion (~50 min)**

Informational Presentation and Discussion Schedule

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***All of Us* Tribal Consultation**

Thursday, September 28, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00 pm ET

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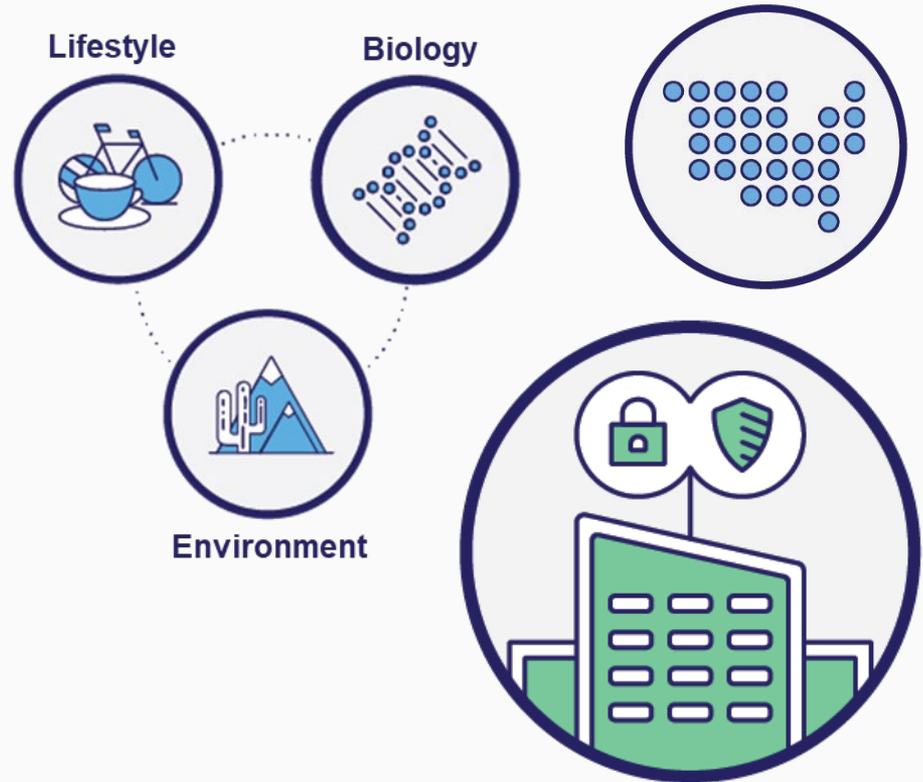
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What is the *All of Us* Research Program?

What is precision medicine?

Precision medicine is an emerging approach for personalized health care that takes into account individual variability in lifestyle, socioeconomic, environment, and biology.

It is a radical shift in how each of us can receive the best care possible based on our unique makeup.



What is the NIH *All of Us* Research Program?

The *All of Us* Research Program is a historic, longitudinal effort to **gather data from one million or more people** living in the United States **to accelerate research and improve health**. By taking into account individual differences **in lifestyle, socioeconomics, environment, and biology**, we hope that researchers will one day uncover paths toward delivering **precision medicine – or individualized prevention, treatment, and care – for all of us**.

The *All of Us* Research Program is part of the broader Precision Medicine Initiative.



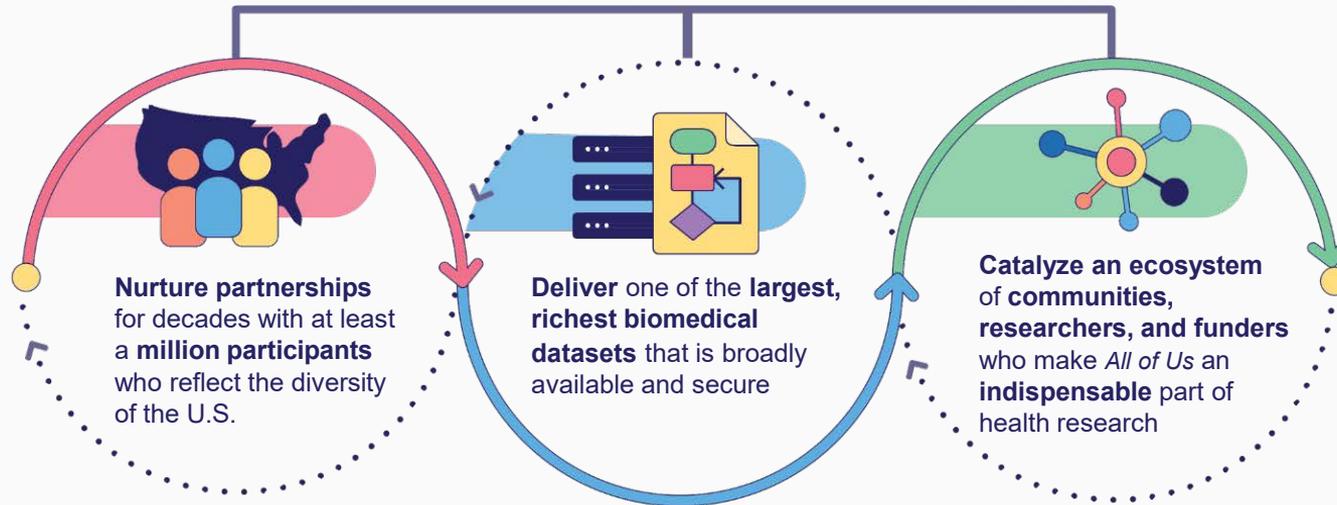
“*All of Us* is among the most ambitious research efforts that our nation has undertaken!”

Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

Former NIH Director. Science Advisor to the President and Co-Chair of the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)

Key Parts of All of Us

Accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs,
enabling individualized prevention, treatment, and care for all of us



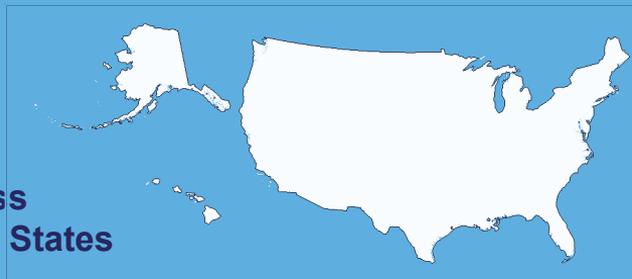
Made possible by a team that maintains a culture built around the program's core values

One of the world's largest, most diverse biomedical datasets of its kind

Inviting at least

1 Million

people
from across
the United States



Data available from **446K+** participants

75%

are from
communities
underrepresented
in biomedical
research



45%

are from racial
and ethnic
minority groups

Data as of April 2023

Enabling research discoveries that drive more precise approaches to care

Engages **people & communities who have been left out of medical research** in the past



Combines **biological factors and social determinants** on a large, inclusive scale



Easily accessible to any researcher with a secure internet connection and data use agreement



Follows participants as they move, age, and grow



Creating a Standard Way the Program Operates Across the U.S.



Enroll, Consent and Authorize EHR

Recruiting 18+ years old initially; plan to include children in future
Online, interactive consent
Includes authorization to share EHR data



Answer Surveys

The Basics	Health Care Access & Utilization
Overall Health	Personal and Family Medical History
Lifestyle	Social Determinants of Health

Additional surveys will be released on an ongoing basis



Provide Physical Measurements

Blood pressure	Height	BMI
Heart rate	Weight	Hip circumference
		Waist circumference

Based on diverse sampling and capacity



Provide Biosamples

Blood (or saliva)
Urine specimen
Biosamples will be stored at the program's biobank

Based on diverse sampling and capacity



Share data from Wearables/Digital Apps

Share data from wearable fitness devices, starting with Fitbit

Fitbit data may include physical activity, step counts, heart rate, and sleep data

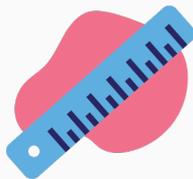
Securely collecting a range of different data types

The *All of Us* Research Program's Data and Research Center (DRC) curates a range of different data types as part of the data collection process.



413,350+

Survey
Responses



337,500+

Physical
Measurements



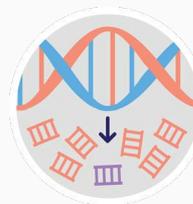
312,900+

Genotyping
Arrays



372,000+

Electronic Health
Records



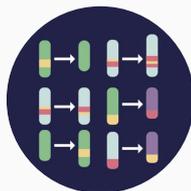
245,350+

Whole Genome
Sequences (WGS)



15,600+

Fitbit
Records
NEW! Sleep Data



11,350+

Structural Variants
NEW! In 2023



1,000+

Long-Read Sequences
NEW! In 2023

As well as other surveys spanning a variety of topics



1. The Basics



2. Overall Health



3. Lifestyle



4. Health Care Access & Utilization



5. Personal Health History and Family Medical History (Revised)



6. Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)



7. COVID-19 Participant Experience (COPE)



8. COVID-19 Vaccines Minute Surveys



Visit the [Survey Explorer](#) on [ResearchAllOfUs.org](#) for more information on survey data

Along with the Social Determinants of Health Survey

By connecting biological and social determinants of health data on a large, inclusive scale and following participants as they move, age, and grow, the *All of Us* dataset is driving new insights into health and disease.

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Survey data



from 117,750+ responses

And this is just the beginning

In the coming years, *All of Us* expects to continue adding new data to the dataset, including:



**More Wearables
Data**



More Surveys

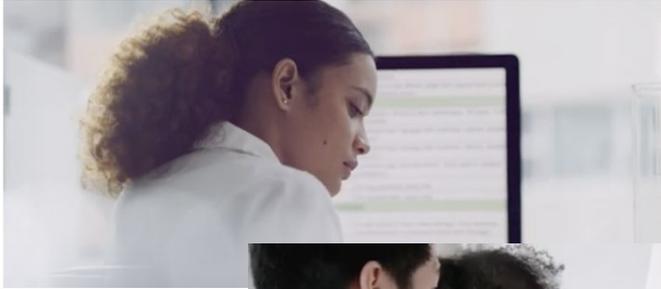


**New Linkages to
External Data
Sources**



**Ancillary
Study Data**

Building a diverse researcher cohort



- **Encouraging students and early-stage investigators** to bring fresh, creative perspectives & innovative research outcomes.
- **Ensuring access for researchers from various institutions/organizations** to establish a truly equitable resource for all.
- **Supporting a researcher cohort** that promotes responsible and ethical use of data, returns value to participant communities, and accelerates research impact.

And making the data accessible to researchers across stages and settings

Our Researchers



5,520+

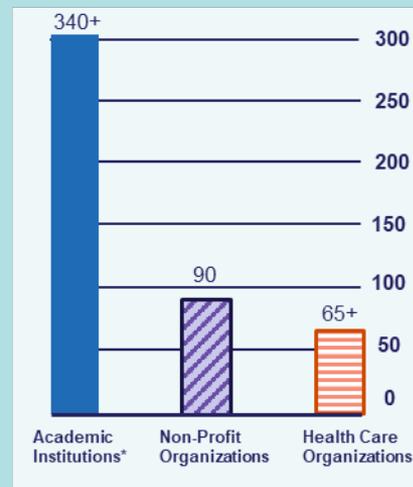
**Registered
Researchers**

across a range of
institutional roles
and career stages



523+

Institutions



*Includes 80+ Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

Research Currently Underway



4,990+

**Active
projects**



160

**Publications in
peer-reviewed
journals**



Top conditions being studied

In the Researcher Workbench include:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Hypertension
- Mental Health
- Cancer
- Diabetes

Figures accurate as of May 2023

Status of the *All of Us* Research Program (as of May 18, 2023)

Participant Enrollment

638,000+

Participants

372,000+

Electronic Health
Records

446,000+

Participants who have
completed initial steps
of the program

462,000+

Biosamples

Research on the Researcher Workbench



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using *All of Us* data



523+
Organizations

Why do we even need the All of Us Research Program?



Participants/Patients

- Patients may not be served well by treatments designed for the “average” patient. We hope in the future that *All of Us* will help advance precision medicine.
- Many people and populations have been left out of biomedical research, and thus, often left out of health care solutions.
- Health problems can take years to unravel and require much trial-and-error.
- Patients may not have access to, or make use of, their own health data.



Health Care Providers

- Precision medicine research is still in the early days, so providers do not have enough information available to provide precision care for many conditions.
- Developing individualized approaches to care often requires time.
- It can be difficult to coordinate care between many different providers, especially with medical records and key data scattered in different silos.



Biomedical Researchers

- Researchers spend a lot of time and resources creating new IT systems, databases, and analytic tools.
- They also face enormous costs and time just to recruit participants.
- Data collection is often not standardized, and data can be siloed and difficult to integrate.
- A single lab’s resources may not be sufficient to answer the research questions that matter.

To help answer many different kinds of questions that can improve health for *All of Us*

How may we prevent the chronic pain that affects more than 100 million people across the U.S. each year?

Or develop pain medicine that potentially may not be addictive?

Or may develop better treatments for diabetes, which affects almost 10% of Americans—or may potentially prevent diabetes altogether?

Or may slow or potentially stop different kinds of dementia?

Or may help researchers develop more cancer cures that will work the first time, so we may skip painful trial-and-error chemotherapy?

Or may drive sustainable interventions that may support health equity?

Tribal Engagement

All of Us Research Program Core Values

Participation is **open** to all.

Participants have **access** to their information.

Participants reflect the rich **diversity** of the U.S.

Data will be accessed **broadly** for research purposes.

Participants are **partners**.

Security and privacy will be of highest importance.

Trust will be earned through **transparency**.

The program will be a catalyst for **positive change** in research.

Responsible Engagement with Tribes & Indigenous Communities



**Tribal
Sovereignty**



**Cultural Sensitivity
and Awareness**



**Policies, Training,
and Support**



Data Protection



**Research
Transparency**



Return of Value

Brief Milestones of *All of Us* Consultation & Tribal Engagement

2017

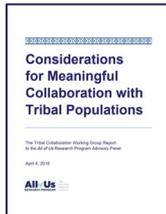
Dec 2017

All of Us Research Program Advisory Panel establishes Tribal Collaboration Working Group (TCWG)

2018

Aug 2018

TCWG releases “Considerations for Meaningful Collaboration with Tribal Populations” report



2019

May - Nov 2019

All of Us hosts listening sessions and Tribal Consultation meetings across the country

2020

May 2020

Rapid-response Tribal Consultation convened to discuss the COVID-19 serology study

2021

March 2021

All of Us releases Tribal Consultation Final Report



2022

May 2022

Research Opportunity Announcement released by *All of Us* with an area of interest specific to engaging with Tribal Nations and Urban AI/AN Populations

Themes from *All of Us* Research Program Consultation with Tribal Nations



<https://allofus.nih.gov/tribalengagement>

Shaping the Program for Responsible Research with Tribal Nations

Pre-Consent Screens

No Tribal Affiliation

**Biospecimen Handling
After Withdrawal**

**Tribal
Partnerships**

**Return of
Results**

Five Considerations for Research with Tribal Nations and AI/AN Populations



**Consultation Is Critical
to Engagement**



**Consultation Alone
Is Not Engagement**



**Transparency and
Trust Are Tied**



Governance > Promises



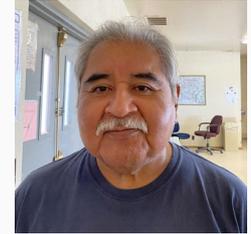
**Investments Should
Match Intentions**

Increased AI/AN Representation in *All of Us* Governance

John Molina, M.D., J.D., L.H.D.
(Pascua Yaqui and Yavapai Apache)
Advisory Panel



Chester Antone
(Tohono O'odham Nation)
Institutional Review Board (IRB)



Miguel Flores Jr.
*(Pascua Yaqui Tribe and
Tohono O'odham Nation)*

**Steering Committee;
Biospecimen Access Policy
Task Force**



Teshia Solomon, PhD
(Choctaw Nation)
**Science Committee;
Ethical, Legal, and Social
Implications (ELSI) Brain Trust;
Biospecimen Access Policy
Task Force**

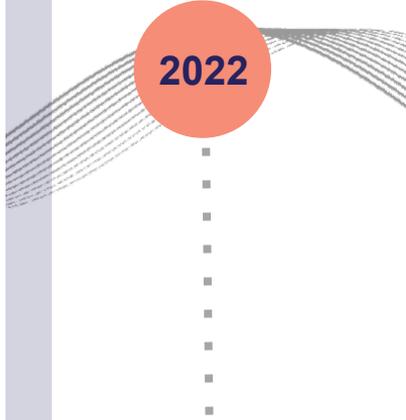


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Participant Ambassador



Investing in Tribal Partners and Capacity

- Research Opportunity Announcement (ROA): NIH *All of Us* Engagement, Communications, and Enrollment Partnerships ([SAM.gov](https://sam.gov))
- Continue to build relationships with tribal leadership and intertribal organizations
- Seeking to collaborate with Urban Indian Health Centers and Tribal Epidemiology Centers
- Engaging AI/AN Researchers and Institutions
- June 8, 2023: ROA Pre-Submission Webinar ([Registration Link](#))

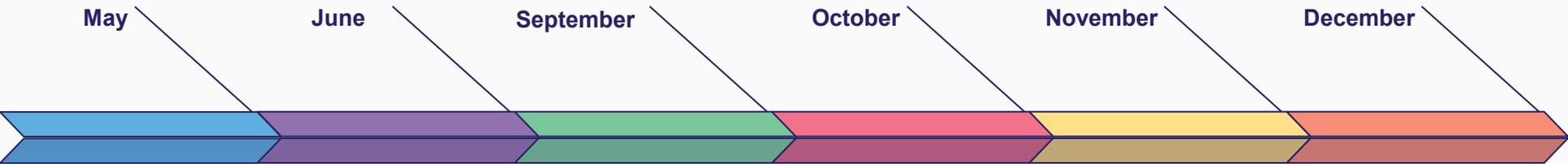


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2023 Information Session & Consultation Timeline



- 5/3: Announced listening sessions to Tribal leaders (30 day notice)

- Hold 4 listening sessions & make recordings available

- Hold virtual Tribal Consultation
- 30-day period for written comments opens

- 10/30: Period for written comments closes

- Draft consultation report

- Finalize report & post on website

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Community Voices Informing the Next Steps of the Program



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Questions and Discussion

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Thank You!



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