Why is diversity important to the All of Us Research Program?

All of Us is asking lots of people to join. Participants are from different races and ethnicities, age groups, and regions of the country. They are also diverse in gender identity, sexual orientation, and health status.

Diversity in a research program is important for several reasons. First, where we live, how we live, and our background can all affect our health. Second, many groups of people have been left out of research in the past. This means we know less about their health.

By studying data from a diverse group of people, researchers can learn more about what makes people sick or keeps them healthy. What researchers learn could lead to better treatment and disease prevention for all of us.

Data from All of Us could someday help researchers:
- Identify what makes people more likely to develop a disease.
- Find out how environment, lifestyle, and genes can impact health.
- Build better tools for detecting a health condition and encouraging healthy habits.

Why have some communities not been part of research?

There are different reasons. For example, some communities have not been invited to take part in research. Or, they were invited but were not told what was involved. For these reasons, we know very little about them.

The All of Us Research Program has learned from this history. We want to be sure we do things right, so many different groups of people can join. We will tell you what we are doing. We will share results. And we will protect your data.

All of Us Core Values

- Participation is open to all.
- Participants reflect the rich diversity of the United States.
- Participants are partners.
- Trust will be earned through transparency.
- Participants have access to their information.
- Data will be accessed broadly for research purposes.
- Security and privacy will be of highest importance.
- The program will be a catalyst for positive change in research.
Is the program working with participants and their communities?

Yes. All of Us participant representatives shape the program at all levels. Participant representatives are part of local advisory boards and All of Us working groups, where they share ideas and help decide what the program does.

All of Us also funds community organizations. They reach groups that have historically been underrepresented in research to tell them about the research and answer questions. They also help spread awareness of the All of Us Research Program.

Why should someone consider joining All of Us?

People join for many reasons. Some people join because they can:

- Learn more about their health.
- Help improve the health of their communities and future generations.
- Help researchers find the best ways for people to stay healthy.
- Help researchers one day create better tests and treatments.

The longer a person stays involved with All of Us, the more they can learn about themselves and help speed up health research and medical breakthroughs.

Where can someone learn more about the All of Us Research Program?

Visit JoinAllofUs.org to learn more about the program, its privacy safeguards, benefits of joining, and how data will be used. The All of Us Support Center is open every day (except public holidays) to answer questions. Contact the Support Center at (844) 842-2855 or help@joinallofus.org.