

STAR Human Subject Volunteer Registry

STAR (Seniors Together in Aging Research) is a registry of research volunteers age 50 and older, living predominantly within a two-hour drive of the University of Iowa. STAR was established to facilitate the inclusion of older adults in human subject research. The registry is confidential and secure, with database access restricted to IRB-approved staff. The recruitment effort for STAR is continuous, as is the annual updating of individual records. Approximately 1500 people are registered and active as of January 2025. The database includes searchable fields with a spectrum of self-reported medical, behavioral, and demographic information designed to identify volunteers who are potentially qualified for specific study requirements. Investigators may order queries from the STAR registry on a fee-for-service basis, and STAR has been designated a University of Iowa Recharge Center for this purpose. Query requests are expeditiously reviewed by University of Iowa faculty. In order to maintain confidentiality, STAR makes the initial contact with all potential volunteers. Additional information is available on the STAR website, <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/star/>