An Invitation to Older Adults: Join the SCOSA Participant Pool

What types of research does SCOSA support?

- We support a wide variety of research projects related to enhancing the quality of life for middle-aged and older adults.
- A psychologist might want to know whether brain-training games can improve your mental sharpness.
- A political scientist might want you to participate in a focus group to better understand your core political beliefs.
- A sociologist might want to know your experiences with cultural change as casinos moved into Atlantic City.
- A physical therapist may be studying benefits of in-patient versus outpatient rehabilitation after total knee replacement.
- A social worker may be interested in the impact of arthritis and community characteristics on depression.
- The range of research is constantly changing and expanding.

The Stockton Center on Successful Aging invites you to join us in promoting better understanding of aging and how older adults think, feel and act with respect to a variety of issues. By joining our Subject Pool, you will join a select group that helps to promote scientific discovery by taking part in various research projects conducted by Stockton researchers and collaborators.

Where is the research conducted?

Typically, on Stockton’s Main Campus. Sometimes researchers will go to other locations like community centers, conduct phone interviews or online surveys.

Is my privacy maintained?

Yes. The Federal Government has strict guidelines on research ethics. All researchers must satisfactorily complete training before they are allowed to use our subject pool. All collected data must remain confidential. Stockton has an Institutional Review Board that reviews all research projects to ensure that the rights of participants are protected.

Will I be paid for my time?

Generally, your participation is not time consuming. Sometimes researchers obtain funding to pay participants or provide other incentives. The person who contacts you will let you know if the specific study involves compensation.

Can I get my results?

Typically, you cannot get individual results. Researchers are required by federal regulations to keep identifying contact information separate from results/data. The participants will always be able to get information regarding the outcome of the study as a whole, just not their particular results.
ABOUT SCOSA’S MISSION

The Stockton Center on Successful Aging promotes education, research, and services to respond to local, regional, and statewide needs related to population aging. The Center’s core mission is to encourage older residents to “age successfully” through vital involvements and engagement in their community.

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How do I Join?

• Please call 609-626-3591 and leave your name, phone number, and best time to call. A Stockton representative will contact you to collect basic information to register you in the pool.

• When a new project is started and you are a potential match for the research, SCOSA will contact you and describe the study.

• If you are not available or not interested, no problem.

• If you are interested in getting involved in the research, the researcher will contact you, provide more detail, and schedule your involvement.

• As with any research, you can always withdraw at any time without explanation and at no penalty to you.