



## Child & Adolescent Healthy Volunteer Registry



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### Register Your Interest

- Yes, I am interested in participating in research at Neuroscience Research Australia.
- Yes, I would like to receive your newsletter, Brainworks, and other communications from NeuRA.  
Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Name:

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Age:

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Suburb:

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Postcode:

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Phone Number:

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Best time and day to call:

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Please post this form to:  
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Thank you sincerely for your support.

## Who are we?

Neuroscience Research Australia is one of the largest research institutes in Australia dedicated to the study of the brain and nervous system. We have an international reputation for research excellence.

Areas of research include:

- mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia, autism etc)
- ageing and neurodegeneration (e.g. dementia)
- sensation, movement, balance and falls
- brain structure and function
- neural injury
- injury prevention

Research projects use a variety of experimental approaches such as clinical assessment of brain function, physical measurement of walking and posture, assessment of cognitive abilities including awareness and reasoning, and brain imaging.



## Who do we need?

Although research at the institute is focused on understanding disorders of the brain and nervous system, many of these research projects also need healthy volunteers.

Healthy volunteers are needed as a comparison group to measure the changes in affected individuals and are essential to the research projects.

For these research projects, we are seeking to recruit healthy children and adolescents up to 16 years of age to be healthy volunteers. We also have opportunities for people 17 and older to register to be a healthy volunteer (see the webpage at <http://neura.edu.au/content/volunteer> for details). Usually we also ask one or both parents to be involved if their child is a volunteer in a study, so that the parent(s) can be informed about the study and can provide information about their child

## How often would we ask if your child or adolescent is interested in participating?

Requests to participate in a research project will be on average every other year.

Occasionally, this may be more often but requests will never exceed three times per year, with participation remaining entirely voluntary on each occasion.

## What is involved?

Once enrolled as a volunteer, you may be invited to participate in one or more research studies. Projects are varied and may include one or more of the following:

- clinical interview or questionnaires
- cognitive assessment
- physical tests
- physiological recording
- imaging studies
- collection of saliva or blood samples

In each instance, we will provide full details of the proposed study and will obtain written consent from you and your child prior to participation.

- In most studies, you may be eligible for reimbursement of any expenses you may incur (e.g. parking or travel-related costs).