



MASSACHUSETTS
Alzheimer's Disease
Research Center

Research Ambassador Program

What is it?

The Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC) Research Ambassador Program is for current and past research participants, as well as their study partners.

The program highlights individuals who have participated in research studies, and their study partners*, who want to serve as educators and mentors to others interested in learning about the research participation experience. Research Ambassadors attend virtual and in-person community events and talk with people about the importance of participating in research.

*A study partner is a family member or close friend who is knowledgeable about the study participant and usually accompanies them to study visits.

What is program's purpose?

One barrier to research participation is not knowing what will happen to you during the study or if you will be able to fulfill the commitment. The unknown expectations, medical events, evaluations, and testing can be overwhelming to someone considering participating in a study. Ambassadors can talk about their experience to help others understand how research participation has fit into their lives. They answer questions for people who may be interested in getting involved but want more information.




Who can be a Research Ambassador?

A person who has participated in a study, past or present, at the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC).

How Do I become a Research Ambassador?

Talk to a member of your study team and they will connect you with the MADRC contact for the Research Ambassador program.

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What will be expected of a Research Ambassador?

A Research Ambassador may be involved in one or more of the following activities depending on their level of interest:

- Attend presentations in the community and online
- Talk informally to people interested in research studies
- Give presentations about the research participant experience
- Review and assess research related materials
- Provide feedback for programs to support research participants
- Assist at information tables in the community
- Participate in work groups



How much of a time commitment does this involve?

You can spend as much or as little time as you would like supporting MADRC activities.

Will I be reimbursed for my time?

No, this role is unpaid.

Can I be reimbursed for travel?

Yes, if we ask you to speak at an event or help at an information table, we will reimburse your travel costs.

Scan to meet some Research Ambassadors!



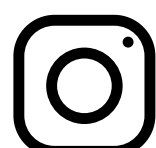
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