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The NDIA is committed to supporting researchers and developing partnerships with academic institutions and research bodies to drive and shape the disability research agenda.

Services we offer on request include:

- Access to tailored NDIS data (summary or unit record data)
- Access to NDIA staff (employees, contractors and volunteers) as:
    - study subjects in research; or
    - project team members, steering committee experts, working parties or similar
- Collaboration or partnership on research or evaluation

For more information, please refer to the External Researcher Request Policy:

- External Researcher Request Policy (PDF 229KB)
- External Researcher Request Policy (DOCX 896KB)

Accessing NDIS data

The NDIA has data publicly available on our Data and insights page.

For information about NDIS data sharing for research, please review the NDIS Public Data Sharing Policy.

This document explains:

- the type of data we share
- what data is not available
- the principles of NDIS data
- why data sharing is important
- how to gain access to NDIS data

If you are requesting access to tailored data (summary or unit record data), see information below on how to make a request. If you are requesting unit record data, please also read the cyber security requirements:

- Information about Cyber Security requirements (PDF 314KB)
- Information about Cyber Security requirements (DOCX 48KB)

Making a research request

For access to tailored summary-level NDIS data:

- External Research Request Form – Short Version (DOCX 795KB)

For access to tailored unit record NDIS data, NDIA staff, or to request a collaboration or partnership with the NDIA:

- External Research Request Form – Long Version (DOCX 818KB)

Your duties as a researcher:

- Follow the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research .
- Make sure all data and information is used confidentially so that privacy is maintained according to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).
- Other than information in the public domain, you do not disclose—except to the NDIA—any confidential information relating to the Agreement or the Research Project without written approval from the NDIA.
- Ensure all required ethical, administrative and governmental approvals relating to the Research Project are in place before commencing. These approvals must be provided to the NDIA upon request.
- Provide a Final Project Closure Report to the NDIA on completion.

For more information on the use of NDIA tailored data, please read our full terms and conditions:

- Terms and conditions for the provision of aggregated or summary data for the purposes of research (PDF 712 KB)
- Terms and conditions for the provision of aggregated or summary data for the purposes of research (DOCX 185KB)

Current partnerships and approved requests

Approved external research requests are listed in the summary log:

- Research requests summary log (DOCX 53KB)
- Research requests summary log (PDF 135KB)

Below is a list of some of our current collaborations with academic institutions and research bodies:

TRANSMIT Study: Multifaceted knowledge TRANSlation iMproving function in Cerebral Palsy:

- Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the University of Sydney are leading this project and will develop a resource to improve outcomes for children living with cerebral palsy. The TRANSMIT project is funded through the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Partnerships for Better Health. This project will develop a mobile health aid that will help parents and carers of children living with cerebral palsy to better understand and access evidence-based supports.

Cost, effectiveness and access for psychosocial disability.

- The University of Sydney is leading this project in partnership with the NDIA and focuses on NDIS access, effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes for participants with psychosocial disability and take into

account how the NDIS interacts with state and territory health and social care systems. The research will map the experience of participants within the NDIS as it currently operates and use new data to model improvements to the Scheme. The research will be used to develop a program logic that may inform future psychosocial support programs. The project is funded through an ‘Australian Research Council Industry Laureate Fellowship Scheme’ grant. For further information about this grant project, please visit the ARC website.