

The ORIGINS Project Fees – use of data, samples and cohort

Researchers interested in applying to access the ORIGINS cohort participant data and/or samples need to apply through the standard application and governance process with a [clear sub-project plan](#).

As an approved ORIGINS sub-project, researchers will need to pay cost recovery fees for activities including;

- recruiting ORIGINS participants to be part of your sub-project, and
- obtaining ORIGINS biological samples and/or data.

The table below outlines some of ORIGINS' standard fees. The standard fees should be used as a guide only as potential ORIGINS sub-projects will get a more accurate quote in the early stages of their initiation process.

ORIGINS recognises that each sub-project is unique, and we are able to negotiate fees, dependant on contributions reinvested into ORIGINS by the sub-project and funding availability. Student projects will also receive special consideration.

Fee description	Standard fee (2022 rate)
ORIGINS Administration fee	\$5,000
Recruitment of ORIGINS participants	
Recruitment of participants by ORIGINS personnel	\$110 x 3.5 hrs per active participant \$110 x 2 hrs per non-active participant
Recruitment of participants by sub-project personnel	\$65 per active participant \$40 per non-active participant
ORIGINS biological samples	
Blood (serum, plasma, whole blood, PAX gene blood), urine, stool, breastmilk, saliva, buccal, house dust, hair, tooth*	\$50 per sample (estimated)
Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), cord blood mononuclear cells (CBMC)*	\$300 per sample (estimated)
ORIGINS data extractions	
Small data extraction: 1-2 datasets, 1-2 timepoints, small number of variables	\$5,000
Medium data extraction: 2-3 datasets, 2-3 timepoints, medium number of variables	\$10,000
Large data extraction: 4+ datasets, 2-3 timepoints and variables	\$15,000

* The standard costs for ORIGINS biological samples are estimates only and will most likely be an over-estimate of costs (exceptions to this include if samples are 'last of kind', which will incur a surcharge and require additional approvals). Exact costing for samples will be provided prior to sample release.

Additional costs may be charged depending on the specific needs of the sub-project. Please be aware that fees are adjusted each year in line with market prices and global inflators.

Why does ORIGINS charge fees to sub-projects?

ORIGINS has obtained funding only to cover 'core' elements of the project, including the recruitment of participants into ORIGINS, collection of samples and data, project administration, promotional activities, and stakeholder engagement.

ORIGINS needs to be sustainable beyond its current funding to enable future research opportunities. As such, we are not able to cover the costs in supporting sub-projects who must seek independent funding. Sub-projects are required to have adequate funds to cover the full costs of their research, including all ORIGINS administration and access fees.

Please refer to [The ORIGINS Project Collaboration Policy](#) to understand all sub-project obligations.

Questions?

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