



Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging
Étude longitudinale canadienne sur le vieillissement

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Dear Researcher,

Thank you for your interest in accessing data from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA).

The CLSA is a national longitudinal platform for multidisciplinary research on health and aging. The CLSA collects data on more than 50,000 men and women between the ages of 45 and 85 when recruited. These participants will be followed every three years for up to twenty years. The data collected are made available to researchers and trainees to enable population-based research and evidenced-based decision-making that will lead to better health and quality of life for Canadians.

The goal of the CLSA is to enable data access to a wide audience of researchers in Canada and world-wide. There are four data access application deadlines per calendar year. The CLSA Data and Sample Access Committee is responsible for the data access application process. Each application is reviewed for its relevance and feasibility. The CLSA research platform includes longitudinal questionnaire and physical assessment data, as well as blood biomarkers, genomics, epigenetics, and metabolomics data. Linked environmental indicators, geographic indicators, vital status and images and raw data are also available. Platform enhancements include COVID-19 questionnaire data and COVID-19 seroprevalence study data.

CLSA data are accessible to public sector researchers and trainees, with no preferential or exclusive access for any individual. The cost is \$3,000 CAD for researchers in Canada and \$5,000 USD for those outside Canada. The CLSA provides alphanumeric data to qualifying graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at no cost. Additional fees apply for data access requests that require images, raw data or customization of datasets. The timeframe from the application submission deadline to approval is approximately three months, however, the time to obtain ethics approval and the agreement negotiation for each project is variable.

We look forward to receiving your application for data access. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

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