

ORIGINS Standard Fees

Researchers interested in accessing the ORIGINS cohort participant data and samples must apply through the standard application and governance process with a [clear sub-project plan](#).

As an approved ORIGINS sub-project, researchers will be responsible for cost recovery fees related to:

- Recruiting ORIGINS participants for your sub-project
- Obtaining ORIGINS biological samples and/or data.

The table below outlines some of ORIGINS' standard fees. Please note that these fees intended as a guideline; potential ORIGINS sub-projects will receive a more accurate quote in the early stages of the initiation process.

ORIGINS recognises that each sub-project is unique, and we are open to negotiating fees based on contributions reinvested into ORIGINS funding availability. Student projects will also receive special consideration.

Fee description	Standard fee (Applicable August 2023)
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	
Adult & child, urine, stool, breastmilk, saliva, buccal, house dust, hair	\$50 per sample (estimated)
Adult Blood (serum, plasma, whole blood, PAX gene blood)	\$50 per sample (estimated)
Child blood (plasma, whole blood), Cord blood (plasma, serum, whole blood, Pax gene blood), placenta, meconium and colostrum	\$100 per sample (estimated)
Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), cord blood mononuclear cells (CBMC)*	\$300 per sample (estimated)
ORIGINS data extractions (fees below apply to each data extraction)	

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
Extra large data extraction: more than 4+ datasets, more than 3 timepoints and variables	To be determined upon negotiation
Australian Eating Survey (AES) analysed data	\$5 per survey
Child Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ) analysed data	\$10 per survey
Conners Early Childhood analysed data	\$5 per survey

* The standard costs for ORIGINS biological samples are estimates only. Please note that samples designated as 'last of kind' will incur a surcharge and require additional approvals. Exact cost will be provided prior to sample release.

Additional costs may apply depending on the specific requirements of the sub-project. Please note that fees are subject to annual adjustments in line with market rates and global inflations.

Why does ORIGINS charge fees to sub-projects?

ORIGINS has obtained funding only to cover 'core' elements of the project, such as participant recruitment, sample and data collection, project administration, promotional activities, and stakeholder engagement.

To ensure sustainability beyond the current funding, we cannot cover the costs of supporting sub-projects, which must seek independent funding. Sub-projects are required to have sufficient funds to cover all research costs, including ORIGINS' administration and access fees.

For more details on sub-projects obligations, please refer to the [ORIGINS Collaboration Policy](#).

Questions?

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