

## 45 and Up Study data fees guide

Please note this is a guide only and we encourage you to send an [EOI](#) or contact the 45 and Up Coordinating Centre [45andUp.research@saxinstitute.org.au](mailto:45andUp.research@saxinstitute.org.au) for more precise costings

Table Fee Description	Fee Type	Fee (ex GST)	Charge	Cost Frequency
<b>45 and Up Core Survey</b> Each researcher requires a research licence for each 45 and Up Study Core Dataset <sup>1</sup>	First survey dataset	\$8,370	Per researcher	Annually
	Subsequent survey datasets <sup>1</sup>	\$4185		
<b>Geospatial Data</b>	Data preparation and a GEOPROCESS workspace	\$3,850	Per project	One-off (per supply)
<b>MBS Data</b>	Data preparation and data provision	\$3,850	Per dataset supplied	One-off (per supply)
<b>PBS Data</b>	Data preparation and data provision	\$3,850	Per dataset supplied	One-off (per supply)
<b>Preparation for external linkages<sup>2</sup></b>	Data preparation	\$3,850	Per linkage unit	One-off (per linkage)
<b>Data access and workspace in SURE<sup>3</sup></b>	Starts from \$5348 per annum plus one-off set up and archiving fees of \$2500			

<sup>1</sup> There are three core questionnaire datasets available:

- a) baseline
- b) the first follow-up data [2012-2015] (also known as Wave 2) provided with the Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors data (SEEF [2010]) and
- c) the second follow up data (also known as Wave 3) which includes 2020 COVID-19 data [2018 -2020].

<sup>2</sup> Fees cover preparation for external linkages. External linkage units (e.g. [CHeREL](#) or [AIHW](#)) will charge a separate fee. Contact the linkage unit to get a quote.

<sup>3</sup> SURE: Secure Unified Research Environment. All access of 45 and Up Study data is through the SURE workspace which provides a safe virtual workspace. For details refer to the SURE Fee Schedule below or the [SURE webpage](#).

## 45 and Up Substudy costs

The cost of conducting a Substudy - where additional information is collected from 45 and Up participants - depends on the size of your cohort; the type of additional measures collected e.g. biometrics, surveys, biospecimens; the mode of contact e.g. postal, or email. Please complete an [EOI](#) for a feasibility assessment and cost estimates, or contact [45andUp.research@saxinstitute.org.au](mailto:45andUp.research@saxinstitute.org.au) to discuss options.

# Secure Unified Research Environment (SURE) fees guide

<b>Fees- October 2021 (all fees are exclusive of GST)</b>		
Standard Workspace Setup ( <i>one off per project</i> )		No initial setup fee
Project archiving (one off fee - for up to 10 years)		\$500
Workspace maintenance		\$2674 p.a.
Additional customisation above standard install		Time and materials
<b>Virtual machine options and computing resources provided</b>		
<b>Standard option</b> Will suit the majority of 45 and up researchers. A workstation with excellent performance for most analyses of datasets up to 10GB. Includes: 8GB RAM; 2x CPU cores; 250GB of fast "scratch" disc space; a shared study file server; access to SAS, Stata, SPSS, R, Stat/Transfer tools.		\$2,674 p.a.
<b>Standard option with free software only</b> Discounted fee for users who require only freely available software such as "R/R Studio"		\$2,300 p.a.
<b>Power option</b> Suits data analysts working with large datasets, typically greater than 10GB in size, or with many smaller linked datasets. Includes: 16GB RAM; two CPU cores; 500GB of fast "scratch" disc space; a shared study file server; access to SAS, Stata, SPSS, Stat/Transfer		\$3,500 p.a. \$292 monthly
<b>Power option with free software only</b> Discounted fee for users who require only freely available software such as "R/R Studio"		\$3,000 p.a. \$250 monthly
<b>Power x2</b> Includes:32GB RAM; four CPU cores; 500GB of fast "scratch" disc space; a shared study file server; access to SAS, Stata, SPSS, Stat/Transfer		\$4,940 p.a. \$412 monthly
<b>Power x4</b> Includes:64GB RAM; eight CPU cores; 500GB of fast "scratch" disc space; a shared study file server; access to SAS, Stata, SPSS, Stat/Transfer:		\$7,820 p.a. \$652 monthly
<b>Power x8</b> Includes:128GB RAM; sixteen CPU cores; 500GB of fast "scratch" disc space; a shared study file server; access to SAS, Stata, SPSS, Stat/Transfer:		\$13,580 p.a. \$1,132 monthly
<b>Supervisor's option</b> Suits a senior researcher who does not need to do hands-on data analyses but requires access to the analytic results in SURE. Includes one virtual machine with: 4GB RAM; one CPU core; a shared study file server; SAS, Stata, SPSS, Stat/Transfer software.		\$1,338 p.a.
<b>Additional users</b> One researcher/analyst is included in the cost of a workspace. However, additional machines are required for additional users.		\$669 per additional user
<b>Changing users</b> When a research study changes team members there is a change fee.	Add user <b>new to SURE</b> .	\$307
	Add new user who already has a SURE	\$0

# Explanatory information

## 1. Background

1.1 The Sax Institute manages the 45 and Up Study (the 'Study'). Researchers can apply to conduct research projects using data from the Study, provided requirements of the Study Access Policy are met.

1.2 This Document outlines the cost and conditions for all projects accessing data collected by the Sax Institute in baseline and follow-up questionnaires of the Study ('Core Data'). This Document does not cover charges for accessing non-core data such as data from sub-studies, biospecimens. In this case, a quote will be provided upon receipt of your project application.

1.3 This Document should be read in conjunction with the:

- a) Study Access Policy that outlines conditions for conducting a project using data from the Study
- b) Data Licence Agreement that outlines conditions for purchasing a licence for projects using the Core Data.

## 2. Definitions

- **Core Data** is 45 and Up Study unit record data collected by the Sax Institute in baseline and follow-up questionnaires.
- **Chief Investigator** is the primary Chief Investigator of the research project in accordance with Ethics approval. The Chief Investigator has overall responsibility for the project and has the authority to sign-off on instructions regarding the project with 45 and Up Study.
- **CHeREL** is the NSW Centre for Health Record Linkage
- **Data Licence** is a permit allowing a specified individual access to unit level record data.
- **SURE**, the Secure Unified Research Environment, is a secure computing environment that has been purpose-built for analysis using linked health and health-related data.

## 3. General Application

3.1 Organisations, research groups or individuals must purchase a Data Licence to access the Core Data. Each user wishing to access the data must be granted a separate Data Licence.

3.2 The Data Licence will be for a set period (1 to 3 years) and for a specified number of users.

3.3 Institutional licenses can be negotiated for multiple licences from the same centre or Institution.

3.4 A Data Licence must always be active throughout a project where Core Data is required. This is required for access to additions to the Core Data such as follow up data or data collected through sub-studies as well as for facilitating linkages with external datasets.

3.5 At the time of Core Data supply, the following individuals must be covered by a Data Licence:

- the responsible Chief Investigator as nominated on the project approval (where the Chief Investigator is accessing the data)
- any other chief investigators who will access the Core Data
- all analysts or biostatisticians on the project who will access the Core Data
- any students who will access the Core data

3.6 PhD students do not need to pay 45 and Up licence fees. However, their supervisor will need to have a licence that covers their specific project.

3.7 Under extreme circumstances that are outside the control of the researchers (for example unanticipated delays in gaining ethics approval, staffing issues), an application for a hiatus to the period of the Data Licence may be made to the 45 and Up Coordinating Centre.

3.8 Access to the Core Data is available only through the SURE workspace.