

People with Down syndrome wanted to take part in study



Our names are Carla and Sarah. We are researchers at University College London (UCL).

We are looking for people with Down syndrome of all abilities aged 16 years and older to take part in our study.

People with Down syndrome differ in their thinking abilities. We are investigating how thinking abilities (such as memory and attention) differ among people with Down syndrome, and possible genetic or biological reasons for these differences. We will also look into why some people with Down syndrome develop memory problems as they get older, and others do not.

The results of the study will hopefully improve the care and treatment of people with Down syndrome, and may also help to develop new treatments for Alzheimer's disease.

We will see people at a time and place that is convenient for them – this could be at their home or at a local day centre. Participants will be asked to complete various tests (like games). Some of these will be on a touchscreen computer. We will also ask a relative or carer of the person to complete questionnaires during this time.

To look at genetic and biological differences we will ask participants to provide a sample of their saliva and a few hairs from the back of their head. People can still take part in the study if they do not want to provide these samples – they can do as much or as little as they wish.

We will reimburse any travel expenses for participants and their carers, and we will give participants a small gift to say thank you for their help.

For more information please visit our website:

www.ucl.ac.uk/londowns/participate

If you have any questions or would like to take part please contact us at downsyndrome@ucl.ac.uk or on 020 7679 9314 or 020 7679 9376.