

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

NAMI is committed to improving the lives of people impacted by mental health conditions through effective treatments, equitable public policies, and greater knowledge and understanding in society. Research is essential to advance each of these goals. When NAMI is approached to be involved in research of any type, at any level, we take it very seriously. NAMI's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ken Duckworth and National Director of Research and Quality Assurance Dr. Teri Brister thoroughly review the research protocols and methodology and the documentation that the study has been approved an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to assure the safety of those involved.

NAMI does not accept financial compensation for recruiting research participants. NAMI also does not endorse any products or treatments. We share these research opportunity notices with you, our field leaders, to distribute at your discretion if you believe that members of your community may be interested in participating in these studies.

If you have questions about research at NAMI, please visit [NAMI.org/research](https://www.nami.org/research) or email [research@nami.org](mailto:research@nami.org).

## WHAT IS THE STUDY?

This study is an online survey with the potential for a follow-up interview. **The goal of this study is to understand the relationship between mental health and political engagement.** This study will examine factors such as access barriers to activism, accommodations, and exclusion from political communities due to health-related experiences and identities.

Participants will take an initial screener survey with a total participation time of 10-20 minutes. Participants may be contacted for a follow-up interview lasting 1-2 hours. Participants who complete the interview will be compensated \$20.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participants may be eligible for this study if they are:

- Aged 18 or older
- Self-identified as having a mental health condition and/or other mental health factors (i.e., burnout) relevant to political life — all statuses and levels of ability welcome
- Involved or interested in engaging in social justice activism — no activism experience necessary

***Individuals identifying as Black or POC are highly encouraged to apply.***

Approximately 50-100 individuals will complete the online screener survey, and 10-20 participants will be selected for follow-up interviews.

## WHERE IS THE STUDY TAKING PLACE?

This initial screener survey is available online, with potential follow-up interview conducted by phone. To view the consent form and participate in the study, please visit the webpage: [https://ssd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8BotZ0y8QBWcCYR](https://ssd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BotZ0y8QBWcCYR)

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

The documents attached have additional information about the study. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit the [study webpage](#) or contact the researchers at [allisonreed@uchicago.edu](mailto:allisonreed@uchicago.edu).