

Subject Pool Signup Instructions

Quick-Start Guide for Creating an Account

If you have not used Sona-Systems this year (or ever before), **you must create a user account**. You cannot login until you do this first. To create an account in Sona-Systems, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://umsl.sona-systems.com/>
2. On the right side of the page, click "Request Account".
3. Read the instructions carefully. Enter your first and last name, your UMSL email address, and click on the courses in which you are currently enrolled. Please make sure that you choose the proper sections of your courses, otherwise your credit may not be awarded or go to the wrong course. Your list of selected courses will be displayed on the right side of the page.
4. After you have entered your information, click "Request Account". Your username and password will be sent to your UMSL email account.
5. Once you login to the system, you will be asked to complete a short series of pre-screen questions. Based on your responses to these questions, you may be eligible for additional studies that otherwise might not be listed. You will only need to complete this once per semester.
6. After completing the pre-screen (or opting out if you choose), you will be presented with a page where you can see the list of available studies. Click "View Available Studies", and you will see a list of studies. Click any of the links and follow the instructions for participation.

If you have any problems creating an account, first email the researcher associated with the study. If they are not responsive, then contact the subject pool assistant: psyc_spa@umsl.edu. Also please note that participant accounts are cleared during periods of inactivity. If you have not logged in to Sona-Systems since the spring 2014 semester you must create a new account before you can log in again. If you prefer to use your smartphone or tablet to access studies, a Sona Mobile app is available for Android and iPhone users. Search the Google Play and Apple AppStore to find the app and to install it.

Research Alternatives

In compliance with APA ethical principles, you may choose to complete alternate assignments instead of participating in research studies. More information is available in Sona-Systems under the posting "Research Alternatives". Research alternatives must be completed and turned in by the closing date of the subject pool, specified below (or earlier if your instructor has an earlier deadline in their class).

You may not participate in studies or turn in any alternate assignments after the subject pool closes. If your instructor has an earlier deadline for their class, you must adhere to their earlier date.