

Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group

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COVID-19 Update:

Following Government guidance, University of Bristol staff are continuing to work from home unless it is essential to their role that they come to campus.

However, our studies are continuing to operate remotely or online. Please refer to individual study adverts below for more information.

Our priority is to ensure you stay safe and healthy, and thank you for bearing with us as we find ways to continue our research, without risking your health.

All Current Studies

We are always looking for more participants to volunteer to be part of our studies.

[Click here for all current studies](#)

Click the button above to find full details of each study on our website, including how to contact the relevant researcher for more information or to sign up as a new participant. Please be aware that unless otherwise stated, you must be aged 18 or over to take part.

You can also see a summary of our current studies below.

Financial reimbursement for your participation

All studies reimburse for your time, mostly at around £7-£12/hr. This does vary depending on the nature of each study, the time commitment required and the funding source so please ask the researcher for details when signing up.

Alcohol Studies



The following studies require participants who drink alcohol.

The impact of media on drink enjoyment

Who can participate? 18 to 40 years old, in good physical and psychiatric health, English as first language or equivalent level of fluency, drink at least one alcoholic drink a week and enjoy drinking lager. You would **NOT** be able to take part in the study if you: drink alcohol with 24 hours of the study sessions (confirmed by breath test), are pregnant or breastfeeding, or have a personal or family history of alcoholism.

Duration: One test session lasting approximately 40 minutes.

Contact: Laura Brocklebank (laura.brocklebank@bristol.ac.uk)

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Smoking and E-Cigarette Studies



The following studies require smokers and/or e-cigarette users to take part.

Exploring the opinions and potential impact of unflavoured e-liquid on smoking cessation among smokers and smoking relapse among e-cigarette users

Who can participate? Adults aged 18 or over, who have no known allergies to e-liquid ingredients, and are a daily smoker*. **Please note that we are now mainly looking for smokers who smoke at least 20 cigarettes per day.**

*In order to take part as a smoker, you must also:

- Have smoked 5 or more cigarettes per day for the last 3 or more months
- Not be currently attempting to quit (i.e., not currently using nicotine replacement products or in active smoking cessation treatment), and not currently using an e-cigarette

Duration: The experiment will take roughly 5 hours in total, but you will be able to go about your daily routine for 4 hours during this time while you are asked to use the e-cigarette and e-liquid provided.

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Effects of acute smoking on health-related biomarkers

Who can participate? Non-dependent smokers (defined as smoking at least 5 cigarettes per month, but not every day) aged 18-50 who have English as first language or equivalent level of fluency, are in good physical and psychiatric health.

Duration: Two sessions, on days one week apart. At the first session, you will attend the lab for a 15 minute session between 12pm and 3pm. You will then leave the lab for 3 hours and smoke several cigarettes (we will let you know how many). You will then return to the lab for a 30-min session between 3pm and 6pm. At the second session, you will abstain from smoking or using nicotine for at least 12 hours prior to your session and attend the lab for a 30 minute session between 3pm and 6pm.

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Recreational Drugs Studies



The following studies require users of recreational drugs.

Drug education evaluation

Who can participate? We are recruiting University of Bristol students who have engaged with Bristol Drug Project's The Drop.

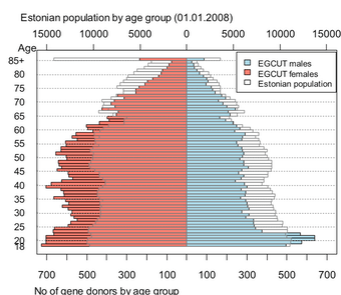
Duration: If you have redeemed a reagent testing kit as part of the scheme, we will ask you to complete a short questionnaire with each use of the kit. Regardless of whether you have used the reagent test kit, we will ask you to complete a one-month follow up questionnaire.

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TARG News

Recent news relating to members of TARG.



[Elis Haan to begin postdoctoral research in Estonia](#)



[Lilli Waples shortlisted for Masters Student of the Year](#)



Research evaluation: Gambling on success



L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science (FWiS) Fellowship awarded to Jorien Treur



New dataset available from the UoB data repository: Straight-sided beer and cider glasses to reduce alcohol sales for on-site consumption: A randomised crossover trial in bars



The effect of an odd-one-out visual search task on attentional bias, body size adaptation, and body dissatisfaction

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TARG Publications

A selection of recent publications by members of TARG.

Maternal and child genetic liability for smoking and caffeine consumption and child mental health: An intergenerational genetic risk score analysis in the ALSPAC cohort

Schellhas, L., Haan, E., Easey, K. E., Wootton, R. E., Sallis, H. M., Sharp, G. C., Munafò, M. R. & Zuccolo, L., 10 May 2021, In: *Addiction*. 14 p.

[Full text available here](#)

Do children with recurrent abdominal pain grow up to become adolescents who control their weight by fasting? Results from a UK population-based cohort

Stein, K., Warne, N., Heron, J. E., Zucker, N. & Bould, H. E., 3 May 2021, In: *International Journal of Eating Disorders*. 10 p.

[Full text available here](#)

Investigating the causal relationship between allergic disease and mental health

Budu-Aggrey, A., Joyce, S., Davies, N. M., Paternoster, L., Munafò, M. R., Brown, S. J., Evans, J., & Sallis, H. M., 1 May 2021, In: *medRxiv*.

[Full text available here](#)

Gene-environment correlations and causal effects of childhood maltreatment on physical and mental health: a genetically informed approach

Warrier, V., Munafo, M. R., Cecil, C. A., et al., Sallis, H. M., Kwong, A. S. F. & Croft, J., May 2021, In: *Lancet Psychiatry*. 8, 5, p. 373-386 14 p.

[Full text available here](#)

Straight-sided beer and cider glasses to reduce alcohol sales for on-site consumption: A randomised crossover trial in bars

Brocklebank, L. A., Blackwell, A. K. M., De-loyde, K., Morris, R. W., Maynard, O. M., Attwood, A. S., Munafo, M. R. & al., E., 18 Apr 2021, In: *Social Science and Medicine*. 113911.

[Full text available here](#)

Effects of 7.5% Carbon Dioxide and Nicotine Administration on Latent Inhibition

Granger, K. T., Ferrar, J., Caswell, S., Haeslgrove, M., Moran, P. M., Attwood, A. S. & Barnett, J. H., 16 Apr 2021, In: *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. 12, 582745

[Full text available here](#)

Mental health inequalities in healthcare, economic, and housing disruption during COVID-19: an investigation in 12 longitudinal studies

Di Gessa, G., Maddock, J., Green, M. J., Thompson, E. J., McElroy, E., Davies, H. L., Mundy, J., Stevenson, A. J., Kwong, A. S. F., Griffith, G. J., Vittal Katikireddi, S., Niedzwiedz, C. L., Ploubidis, G. B., Fitzsimons, E., Henderson, M., Silverwood, R. J., Chaturvedi, N., Breen, G., Steves, C. J., Steptoe, A., Porteous, D. J. & Patalay, P., 7 Apr 2021, In: *medRxiv*.

[Full text available here](#)

Characterization of alcohol polygenic risk scores in the context of mental health outcomes: Within-individual and intergenerational analyses in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children

Easey, K. E., Wootton, R. E., Sallis, H. M., Schellhas, L., Haan, E., Timpson, N. J., Munafo, M. R. & Zuccolo, L., 1 Apr 2021, In: *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 221, 8 p., 108654.

[Full text available here](#)

Mendelian randomisation with coarsened exposures

Tudball, M. J., Bowden, J., Hughes, R., Ly, A., Munafo, M. R., Tilling, K. M., Zhao, Q. & Davey Smith, G., Apr 2021, In: *Genetic Epidemiology*. 45, 3, p. 338-350 13 p.

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