



## **NSA Position Statement on Research Involving the NSA**

The National Stuttering Association (NSA) is committed to advancing both the knowledge and understanding of stuttering. As the largest stuttering self-help organization in North America, with access to large numbers of individuals and families affected by stuttering, the NSA recognizes its unique potential for helping the research community.

To that end, the NSA created the National Stuttering Association Research Committee (NSARC) to (a) establish a set of policies and procedures for qualified investigators to follow when soliciting participation of NSA members in approved research projects, (b) develop a mechanism to help fund research when possible, (c) conduct internal research to increase knowledge about self-help for stuttering, and (d) provide current research information to the NSA Board of Directors.

Since 1998, the NSARC has approved dozens of research proposals and has helped connect investigators with potential subjects from all over the country. Many of these projects have made significant contributions to understanding the nature of stuttering and its impact on those affected. (Revised February, 2013)

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