

National Children’s Study Types of Additional Research

Type of Research	Description	Applies to the Vanguard Study*	Applies to the Main Study*	Initiated by	Funded by	Involves National Children’s Study Participants, Biospecimens, and/or Environmental Samples**
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S STUDY FORMATIVE RESEARCH	Focused research related to the goals of the Vanguard Study.*	Yes	No	Program Office	National Children’s Study Appropriation	No or Yes If Yes = Substudy
	May or may not be integrated** with the Vanguard Study (see “Substudies” below).					
	Initiated by the Program Office and funded by the National Children’s Study appropriation (for example, via requests for Letters of Interest).					
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S STUDY SUBSTUDIES (a type of Formative Research)	During the Vanguard phase, a type of Formative Research: focused human subjects research related to the goals* of and integrated** with the Vanguard Study.	Yes	Yes	Program Office	National Children’s Study Appropriation	Yes
	During the Main Study, substudies will focus on the goals* of and be integrated** with the Main Study. They will be developed as part of the core protocol but performed on a portion of the cohort.					
	Initiated by the Program Office and funded by the National Children’s Study .					
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S STUDY SUPPLEMENTAL METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES	Focused research related to the goals of the Vanguard Study.*	Yes	No	External Source	External Source	Yes
	Occurs during and integrates** with the Vanguard phase.					
	Initiated and developed outside of the Program Office.					
	Funded externally , not by the National Children’s Study appropriation.					
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S STUDY ADJUNCT STUDIES	Focused studies addressing exposure/outcome relationships , related to the goals of the Main Study.*	No	Yes	External Source	External Source	Yes
	Occurs during and integrates** with the Main Study.					
	Initiated and developed outside of the Program Office.					
	Funded externally , not by the National Children’s Study appropriation.					

*Goals of the Vanguard Study are to address specific questions related to **methods and process** (acceptability, feasibility, and cost) in order to inform the Main Study.

Goals of the Main Study are to study relationships between (gene and environment) exposures versus (health and development) outcomes.

**“Integrates” (with the Vanguard or Main Study) implies utilization of National Children’s Study participants and/or laboratory materials.