

Quick Start Guide for Participants

Purpose of the Guide

This guide is meant to familiarize you with using *Sona System* as a participant.

Before Getting Started

Below is a link to a YouTube video that explains how to use the Sona system as a participant. Before trying to use the Sona system, we highly recommend that you watch [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M41mGB) (goo.gl/M41mGB).

Important Dates

The participant pool will go “live” on February 1st and will remain active until April 23rd.

Registering as a Participant

By February 1st, you will receive an email titled, “Communication Participant Pool Login Information” from **Communication Experiment Participant Pool** on your Texas A&M University email account. This email will contain your User ID and a temporary password. If you do not see this email on February 1st, please search in your Spam folder. If you still are unable to locate your account, contact the TAMU Communication Participant Pool directly at CommPool@tamu.edu requesting a participant account. You should receive a reply and an invitation to login within 24 hours.

First Time Logging In to Sona

The email that contained your Sona login information should have a link to the Tamu Sona system page (here it is, just in case: <https://tamucommunication.sona-systems.com/>). Click on this link, and then enter the User ID and temporary password that were provided in the email. Upon logging in for the first time, you will be asked to complete a brief registration survey. Your responses might increase the number of studies you can participate in but it is optional and you may skip any item. Once you complete this brief prescreen survey and update your password, you will officially be registered as a Sona user.

Finding Studies

As a registered Sona user, you can now do a number of different things, including signing up for studies. Early in the semester, there will be only a few studies but studies will continue to set up in the system as the semester goes along. There will be more than enough research opportunities for you to meet research expectations in your classes.

Need Assistance?

To get assistance using the Sona system, you can email us at CommPool@tamu.edu.