



Fact Sheet

Latin American DNA Donor Project Ramapo College of New Jersey Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center

What is the purpose of this project?

Ramapo College of New Jersey seeks to grow the number of Latin Americans in databases used for Investigative Genetic Genealogy in order to measure the impact to cases of Latin American unidentified decedents.

What is investigative genetic genealogy?

Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) is a process that combines advanced DNA testing with traditional genealogy to identify unidentified remains as well as suspects in violent crimes. IGG has been used to identify more than 150 John and Jane Doe unidentified remains cases since 2018, but its utility is limited in non-European populations.

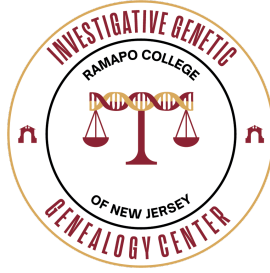
Who qualifies to participate in this project?

Volunteer participants who are Latin American or Indigenous, or who report they have a first or second degree relative who is Latin American or Indigenous, may participate in this project.

How will voluntary DNA Donors' information be used?

Those who consent to participation in this project will receive a complimentary direct-to-consumer DNA kit from FamilyTreeDNA. Our project leaders at Ramapo College of New Jersey, as well as the DNA Donor, will have access to the DNA test results.

Ramapo College of New Jersey will monitor whether any DNA kits administered are DNA matches to selected John and Jane Doe unidentified remains.



Consent Form
Latin American DNA Donor Project
Ramapo College of New Jersey

Your rights as a voluntary participant:

- Your data belongs to you. At any time, you may request the withdrawal of your DNA from the FamilyTreeDNA database
 - To request removal of your data, please contact FamilyTreeDNA customer service by visiting <https://www.familytreedna.com/contact>
- At your request, Ramapo College of New Jersey will destroy identifying information in regards to your participation in this project
 - To request removal of your identifying information, contact Cairenn Binder (cbinder@ramapo.edu) or David Gurney (dgurney@ramapo.edu)

Risks of participation in this project:

- By taking a FamilyTreeDNA test, your DNA will become available for “law enforcement matching” in the FamilyTreeDNA database.
 - If you are a genetic relative to an unidentified deceased John or Jane Doe, your DNA may be used to generate investigative leads resulting in identification of the decedent
 - If you are a genetic relative to a suspect in a violent crime, your DNA may be used to generate investigative leads resulting in identification of the suspect
- By participating in this project, it is possible that your identity may be revealed to the following parties:
 - Other consumer DNA testers in the FamilyTreeDNA database
 - Investigating agencies and Investigative Genetic Genealogy practitioners using the FamilyTreeDNA database
 - Members of the judicial system if your DNA results in identification of a suspect in a violent crime

Benefits of participation in this project:

- By helping to grow the population of Latin American individuals in the FamilyTreeDNA database, your DNA may be of assistance in identifying the long-term unidentified deceased, potentially providing long-awaited answers to their families and loved ones
- You will receive full access to your DNA test results, including your DNA matches, your ethnicity (heritage) report, and other available tools on FamilyTreeDNA

___ **I have been informed of and understand the risks and benefits of participation in this project.**

___ **I understand that I may withdraw from participation in this project at any time.**

Signature

Printed Name