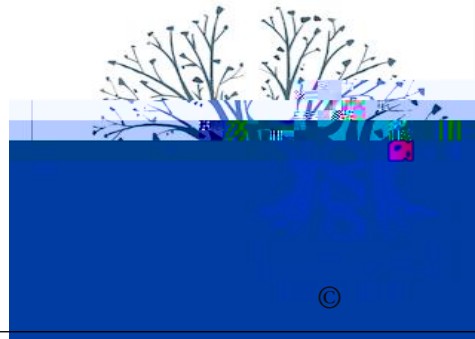


# THE FAMILY GENEALOGISTS AND LONG-LOST RELATIVES STUDY



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***Find out if you are eligible for the AGEGen2 study by answering the screening questions below!***

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In this study, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada (SSHRC), we want to learn more about the experiences of diverse midlife to older aged (aged 55+) who have searched for, and located a previously unknown immediate or closely related genetic relative.

## **WHY AM I INTERESTED IN THIS STUDY?**

A rising number of adults are searching for previously unknown genetic relatives using DNA testing/databases, online historical public records, and family stories. On a personal level, my motivation for this study originated with my own fascination to identify my maternal grandfather, who was previously unknown to my mother. After years of research and DNA test searches, I was able to solve my family mystery and it was a happy ending. I was also able to reunite my mother with some long-lost relatives prior to her passing. Since then, I have learned that many other people have had similar experiences and many interesting stories to share. Thus, as a sociology/gerontology professor who studies families and aging, I believe that the study insights will be very helpful to others, such as hobby/leisure groups or anyone wanting to learn more about this topic.

## **ETHICAL PROCEDURES: HOW WILL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION BE PROTECTED?**

Your privacy and confidentiality will be respected. Your name will remain confidential, using a pseudonym, and your individual answers will not be linked with your name or department in any reports of data. Your identity will remain confidential, unless otherwise stated by you, to ensure there are no potential risks to your participation in this study (full details and an informed consent form are provided on the survey link provided below).



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