



LANDS's policy is to support well-designed research studies. The primary way we have supported past researchers has been to distribute a request for people in our approximately 60 Friends of LANDS groups, located mostly across the US but some internationally, to answer on-line surveys. Another way has been to give qualified researchers access to the LANDS database of near-death experience accounts—the LANDS Experience Registry. If you would like to request support from LANDS, please take up to two pages to complete the following form, and return it, along with any attachments, to [research\\_director@iands.org](mailto:research_director@iands.org):

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## EXPERIENCE REGISTRY ACCESS AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into to be effective on the last date set forth below with signatures, between The International Association for Near-Death Studies (hereafter "IANDS"), a 501(c)(3) corporation, with headquarters in North Carolina, and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter individually or jointly "Author") for the consideration deemed sufficient by the parties.

1. IANDS receives accounts, narratives, stories, recordings, descriptions, manuscripts, data, and other kinds of information related to near-death experiences (hereafter "Narratives") and stores them in the Experience Registry data base (hereafter the "Registry").
2. IANDS makes the Narratives available to authors, researchers, and others, so long as they appropriately promote the interests and 501(c)(3) purposes of IANDS, as determined in the sole discretion of IANDS.
3. Author will submit to IANDS a written description of Author's **"proposed use"** of Author's access to the Registry and/or Narratives in the Registry.
4. To enable IANDS to determine whether access should be given, Author provides IANDS with a written description of all **proposed uses**. The written description is attached or provided by Author with this agreement, and includes Author's background information, detailed description of proposed publication(s), planned use of Narratives and excerpts of Narratives, and all other information Author believes to be relevant.
5. Author agrees to abide by permissions specified in each registry submission, in particular (a) restrictions on publication of narratives, and (b) limits of contact between author and experiencer (no contact, or if contacted, experiencer's right to accept or decline participation); and to maintain the confidentiality of experiencers' personal and contact information.
6. **Author must obtain IANDS's written approval prior to any and all publication and/or media and any other final use.** This means Author agrees to provide IANDS with a draft of any final proposed publication.
7. This agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina without reference to the conflict of law principles.
8. This is the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties, written and oral, with respect to such subject matter.
9. This agreement may be amended and modified only by written agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement will not be assignable by any party.
10. This agreement is binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Understood and agreed to by Author and IANDS, executed by Author and IANDS authorized representative.

**AUTHOR(S):** DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

Author Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Author typed name \_\_\_\_\_

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**IANDS:** DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

IANDS Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_ IANDS Representative Title \_\_\_\_\_

IANDS Representative typed name \_\_\_\_\_

**Sample emails:**

**TO IANDS LOCAL GROUP LEADER:**

Dear IANDS Local Group Leader:

My research team at the University of North Texas is conducting a study on the subjective experience of after-death communication (ADC): a feeling or sense of encountering someone physically deceased with whom one had a personal relationship. If you would be so kind, please forward the below message to the people on your local group email list. Thank you SO MUCH for your help!

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**TO IANDS LOCAL GROUP MEMBER AND/OR PERSON ON IANDS'S AT-LARGE EMAIL LIST (IANDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS):**

Dear IANDS Local Group Member, IANDS Member, or IANDS Friend,

Have you experienced after-death communication (ADC): a feeling or sense of encountering someone physically deceased with whom you had a personal relationship? NDErs often report having had this experience before, during, and/or after their NDEs, and many non-NDErs also have had this experience. If you have, please consider taking part in a University of North Texas study by completing an online survey examining people's experiences of ADC. The survey should take no more than 30 minutes of your time, may provide you with a meaningful and reflective experience, and will further our understanding of the subjective experience and impact of ADC. To proceed, click on this link:

[https://pretend.survey.hyperlink.com/abc\\_xyz](https://pretend.survey.hyperlink.com/abc_xyz)

Thank you for your consideration!

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