

Academic researcher

Academics, often working within an university, undertake health research with a view to finding new discoveries that can improve health / healthcare and contribute to a growing knowledge base. Research is usually undertaken with the intent of publishing the results (e.g. in a dissertation or peer-reviewed journal article).

Benefits and motivations	Concerns
Making new discoveries that improve the health and / or healthcare of the population	How do we carry out health research in a trusted way?
Contributing to global knowledge and understanding	How do we ensure that controls on health data do not prevent us carrying out research?
Research can generate funding grants which enables further research and supports academic institutions	How do we balance a need for transparency with the fact that lots of research is published in journals that require a fee to access?