



Getting Started Guide for the new *All of Us* Researcher Workbench

The new Researcher Workbench brings a refreshed user experience, optimized tools, enhanced performance, and more to your research journey. The following getting started guide includes information for accessing and exploring Researcher Workbench 2.0.

Note: At beta launch, some applications and features will be limited in Researcher Workbench 2.0. Learn more in the support article, [What to expect during the Researcher Workbench Migration](#).

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Introduction to Researcher Workbench 2.0

Researcher Workbench 2.0, powered by [Verily Pre](#), enables researchers to access, analyze, and collaborate on complex biomedical datasets by expanding the analysis capabilities and user experience.

Similar to the existing Researcher Workbench, the updated Researcher Workbench can be used by researchers at varying levels of computational expertise and skill through the point-and-click interfaces and customizable programming tools. Opting for Researcher Workbench 2.0 allows users to explore its enhanced features, including access to Jupyter Lab, a new [Data Explorer](#), and integration with [Git repositories](#). Users will still have the capability to use *All of Us* initial credits in Researcher Workbench 2.0 or create their own [billing pod](#).

Additional resources

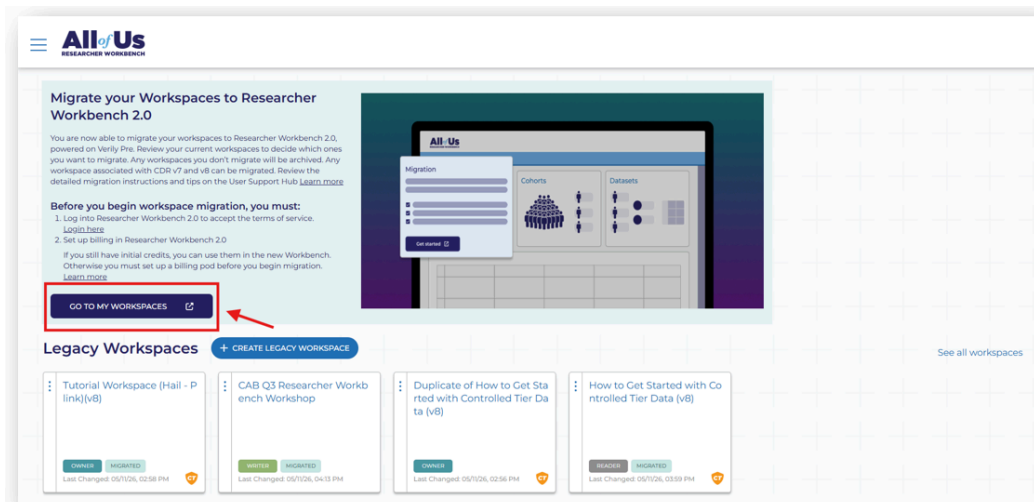
- [Introduction to the Verily Workbench](#): Learn more about Verily Workbench and the capabilities available with Verily Workbench.
- [Cloud basics](#): Read a high-level overview of major cloud concepts to help you get better acquainted with the features of Verily Workbench.
- [Verily Workbench glossary](#): Explore common terms and concepts used in Verily Workbench.

Accessing Researcher Workbench 2.0

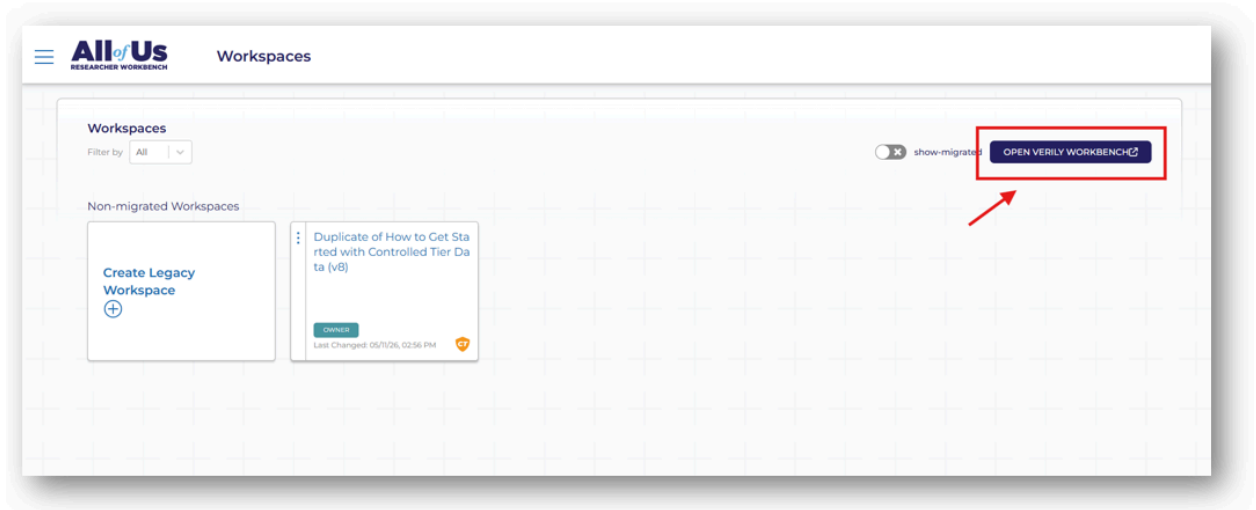
You can access the Researcher Workbench 2.0 using your [@researchallofus.org](#) credentials. Please ensure your data access requirements are up to date before login to Researcher Workbench 2.0.

Access to Researcher Workbench 2.0

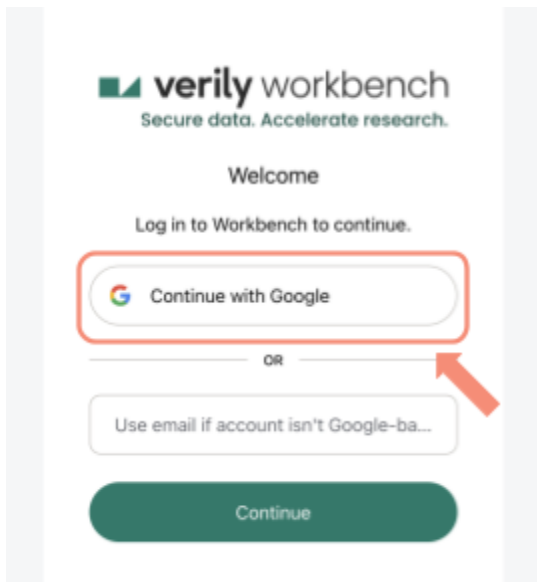
1. Navigate to the Researcher Workbench at <https://workbench.researchallofus.org/login>.
2. Upon login, on the landing page, you will see a section that says **“Migrate your Workspaces to Researcher Workbench 2.0”**.
 - a. Select **“Go to My Workspaces”** to review your workspaces and begin migration.
 - b. **Note:** Your existing workspaces remain available under **“Legacy Workspaces”**. If you wish to create a workspace in Researcher Workbench 1.0, select **“+ Create Legacy Workspace.”**



3. Before migrating, you must log into Researcher Workbench 2.0 and accept the Terms of Service. In **Workspaces**, you will select “**Open Verily Workbench**”.

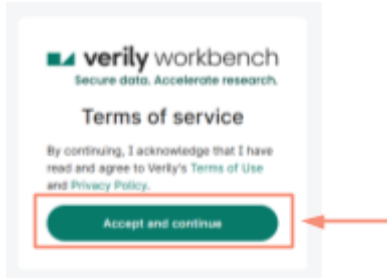


4. Select “**Continue with Google**” and log in with your @researchallofus.org credentials. *Note: If you do not know your login credentials, email support@researchallofus.org.*



5. You will be prompted to agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. When prompted, review and click “**Accept and continue.**”

Note: You will only need to review and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy the first time you log in to Researcher Workbench 2.0.

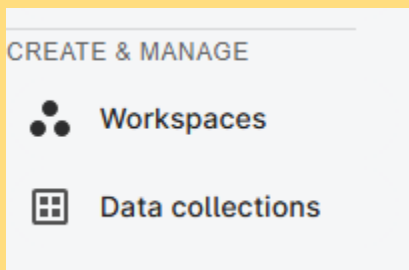


6. After you log in and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, Researcher Workbench 2.0 will launch.



Note: Workspaces created with Researcher Workbench 2.0 will not be listed in the main All of Us Researcher Workbench landing page.

In order to see a full list of your Researcher Workbench 2.0 workspaces, please select "Workspaces" on the Researcher Workbench 2.0 landing page to see a comprehensive list.

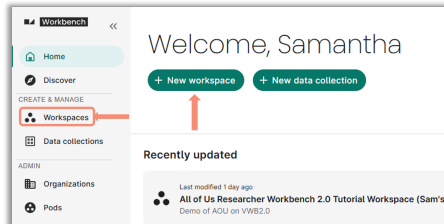


Exploring Researcher Workbench 2.0

The new Researcher Workbench has similar and expanded functionality and concepts in comparison to the existing Researcher Workbench.

How to create a workspace


There are two ways to create a workspace – directly on the home landing page, or from within the **Workspaces** page. Full instructions for creating a workspace are listed [here](#).



1. Select “**+New Workspace**” on the Researcher Workbench 2.0 landing page or under “**Workspaces**” tab.
2. Complete information about the workspace via the three dialogue pages noted [here](#). The workspace name and [pod](#) are required; other prompts may either be optional or prefilled. Please review the “[Workspace setup](#)” to learn more about the fields to include. Specifically, you will need to know the following:
 - [Billing pod](#) information (*All of Us* Credits or your own GCP billing account).
 - i. **Note:** Once you select a billing pod for the workspace, it **cannot be changed**. You will be required to duplicate the workspace to add a new billing pod.
 - Summary of the workspace to provide an overview description.
3. Click the “**Create workspace**” button on the last screen. It may take several minutes for the workspace to create.
4. Once your workspace is created, you will then need to add your [All of Us Data Collection](#) in the Resource tab in order to access the *All of Us* dataset.

Welcome, Samantha


[New workspace](#) [+ New data collection](#)



Recently updated

- Last modified 14 minutes ago
 - **Sam Test RT**
This is an operational workspace to test v8RT data in RW2.0 [Open workspace](#)
- Last modified 19 hours ago
 - **Tutorial Workspace: Getting Started with Registered Tier Data (v8)** [Open workspace](#)
- Last modified 6 days ago
 - **Demonstration Workspace (Registered Tier)**
This is a copy of the tutorial workspace to review as training material for public beta launch [Open workspace](#)

Running apps



You don't have any running apps

Did you know?
You can curate and publish data collections to help others easily discover and work with your data. [Learn more](#)

Explore the docs

- Cost management**
Ways to manage various cloud costs
- Data collections in Workbench**
How to create and manage a data collection via the Workbench UI

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CREATE & MANAGE



Workspaces



Data collections

Workspace Setup

When you create a workspace in the Researcher Workbench 2.0, you will be prompted to enter workspace details such as “workspace name” and “summary” of the workspace. Additionally you will be prompted to select a **pod**. [Billing pods](#) are created and linked to a Google Cloud Platform billing account. Consider a billing pod as the GCP billing account. When setting up your workspace, use the following as an example:

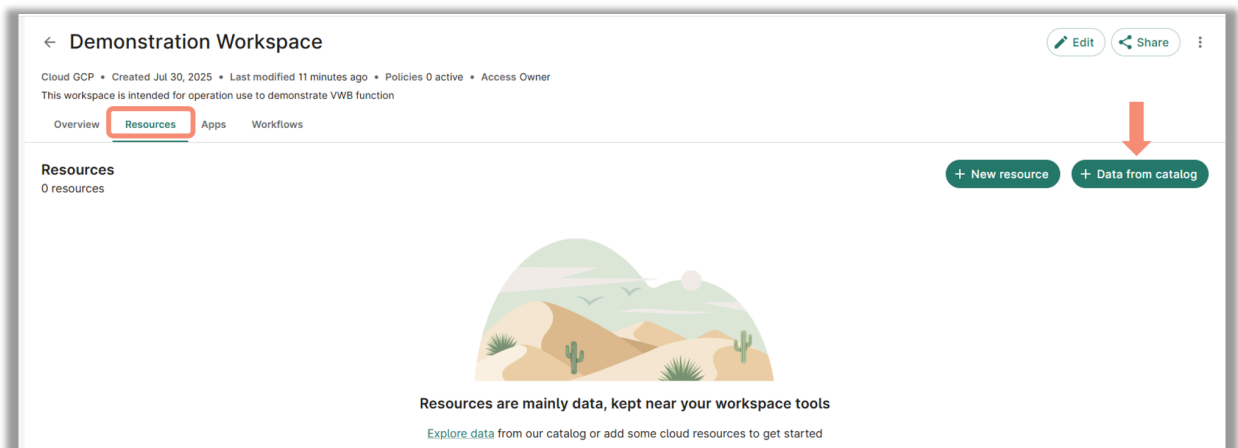
- **Pod:** Example using *All of Us* initial credits - “user-pod-<username>-XXXX”
 - If your username is moirad@researchallofus.org your *All of Us* initial credit billing pod would be “user-pod-moirad-XXXX” with XXX being a random string.

- If you would like to use your own GCP billing account, see instructions [here](#) to set up your billing pod in the new Researcher Workbench.
 - **Note:** Once you select a billing pod for the workspace, it **cannot be changed**. You will be required to duplicate the workspace to add a new billing pod.
- **Group Policy:** “No, don’t apply policy”
 - **Note:** Once you add an *All of Us* data collection, a group policy will be enforced. Learn more about the data collection policies [here](#).
- **Region:** us-central1 (Iowa)

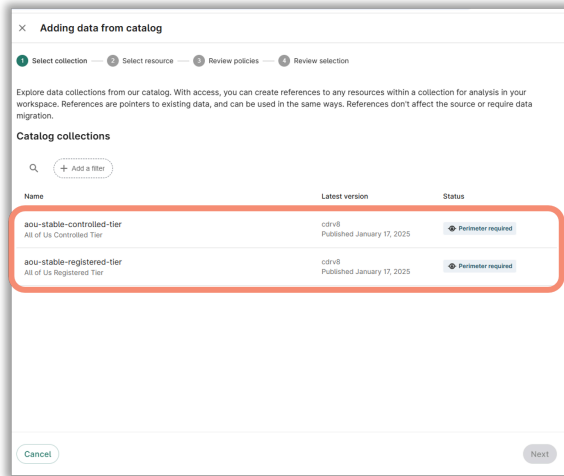
How to add a data collection to your workspace

After you [create a workspace](#), you can add a data collection to that workspace. You will add either the “*All of Us* Registered Tier” or “*All of Us* Controlled Tier” to your workspace via the **Resources** tab of your workspace.

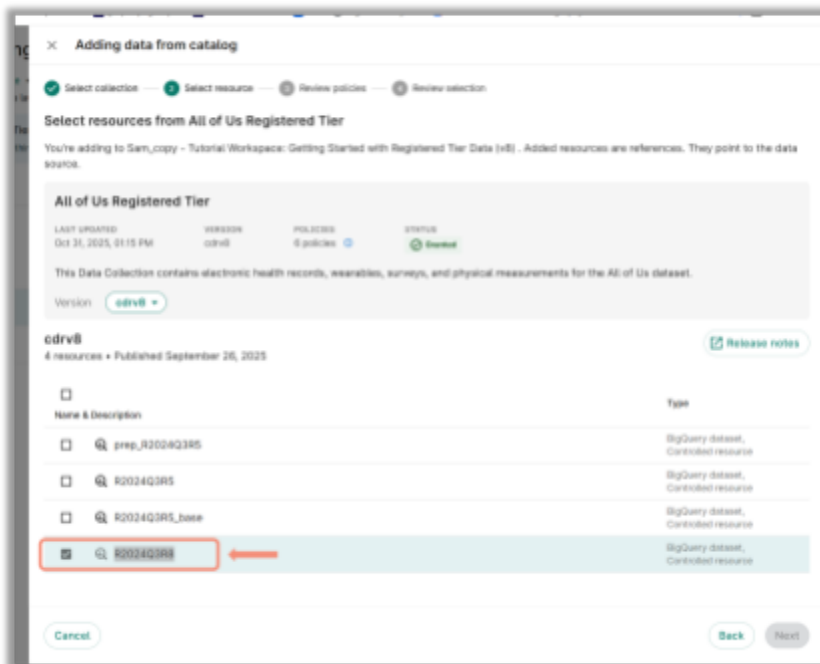
1. In the workspace, navigate to the **Resource** tab. Select **Data from Catalog**.



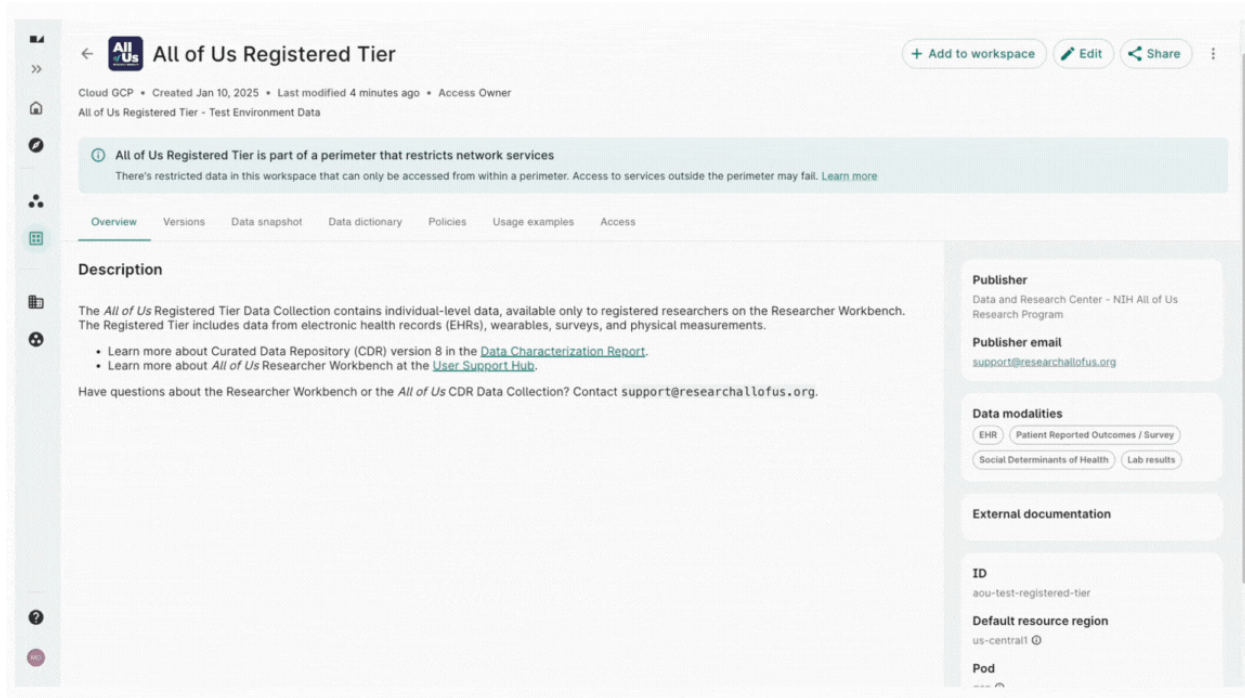
2. Select the Data Collection of your choice. At public beta, only the Registered Tier will be available.



3. Select appropriate resources in the Data Collection. For example, for *All of Us Registered Tier* data, you will select **R2024Q3R8**, which is CDRv8 Registered Tier.
 - a. A full list of CDR versions are noted in the Data Dictionary [here](#). **At beta launch, only CDRv8 for Registered Tier is available.**
 - CDR v8 Registered Tier = R2024Q3R8



4. Review the [Data Collection policies](#), complete the “Researcher Use Statement Questions,” and select “I’m sure. I understand that all policies and terms above will be permanently applied to this workspace.”



5. You will have the option to select where in your resources you want this data collection to live. We recommend using your workspace folder path.
6. Select **“Add to your workspace.”**

Data Collections and Data Collection policies

Data Collections Policies

[Data collections](#) are curated datasets published in Verily Pre, the platform that powers the Researcher Workbench 2.0. There are currently two *All of Us* data collections available in the new Researcher Workbench 2.0: CDRv8 “*All of Us Registered Tier*” and “*All of Us Controlled Tier*.” These two data collections are synonymous with the curated datasets available in the legacy Researcher Workbench. When you log in to the Researcher Workbench using your @researchallofus.org username, you will automatically be provided access to any *All of Us* data collections for which you have completed the associated [data access requirements](#). The same data access requirements that you are familiar with from the legacy Researcher Workbench (e.g., ID verification, Responsible Conduct of Research Training, Data User Code of Conduct attestation, etc.) are in place for gaining access to these data collections.

All data collections available in the Verily Pre platform, including the *All of Us* Research Program data collections, come with data collection policies that explicitly delineate built-in technical parameters to enforce data access and use restrictions. The same parameters are in place for *All of Us* data on the legacy Researcher Workbench. These parameters, for which Verily Pre broadly uses the term ‘policy,’ are distinct from the [All of Us data access and use policies](#) that you are already familiar with, which outline the program’s rules for access and use of *All of Us*

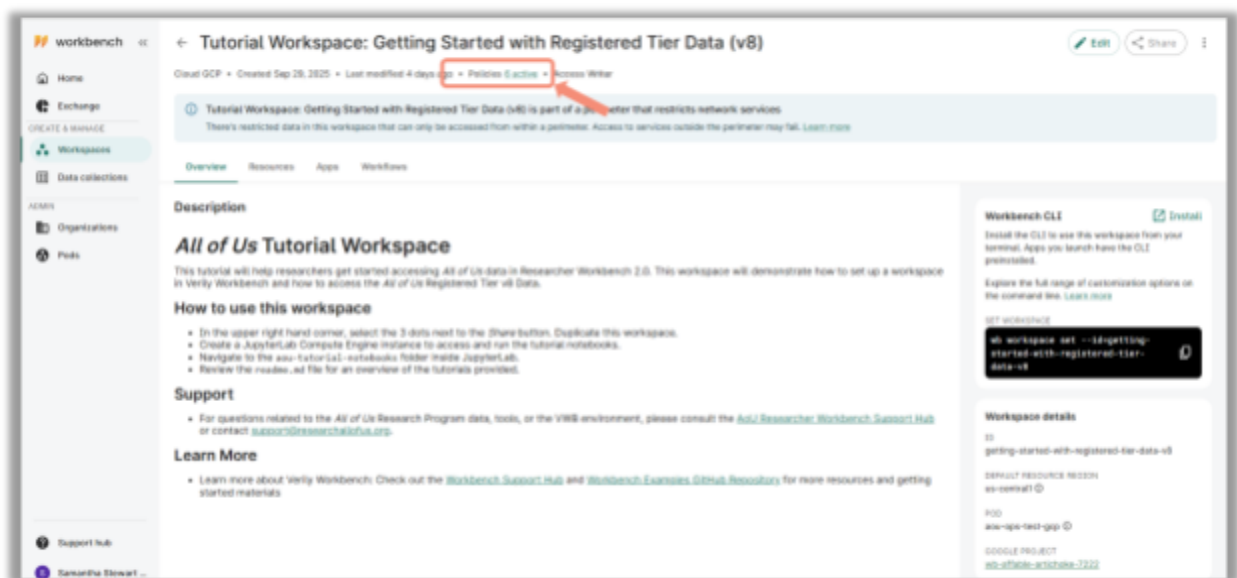
data on the Researcher Workbench. These *All of Us* policies have not changed, and researchers are still responsible for reviewing and complying with them independent from the data collection policies.

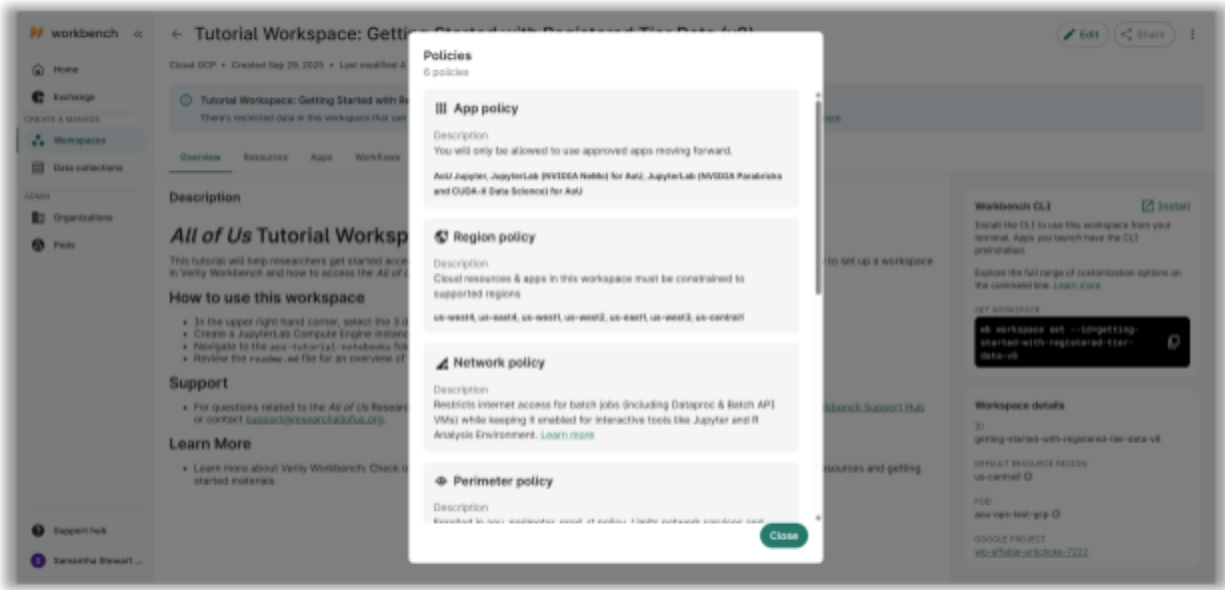
When adding either the Registered Tier or Controlled Tier data collection to your workspace, you will be prompted to first review the data collection policies. Please note the selections for the data collection policies are automatically set by the *All of Us* Research Program and cannot be changed.

After reviewing and accepting the data collection policies associated with your workspace, you will be prompted to complete the Researcher Use Statement Questions, which includes the same questions as the Workspace Description form in the legacy Researcher Workbench.

This guide describes each type of data collection policy that applies to the *All of Us* data collections

- Region Policy
- Network Policy
- Perimeter Policy
- Group Policy
- Researcher Use Statement Questions





Region Policy

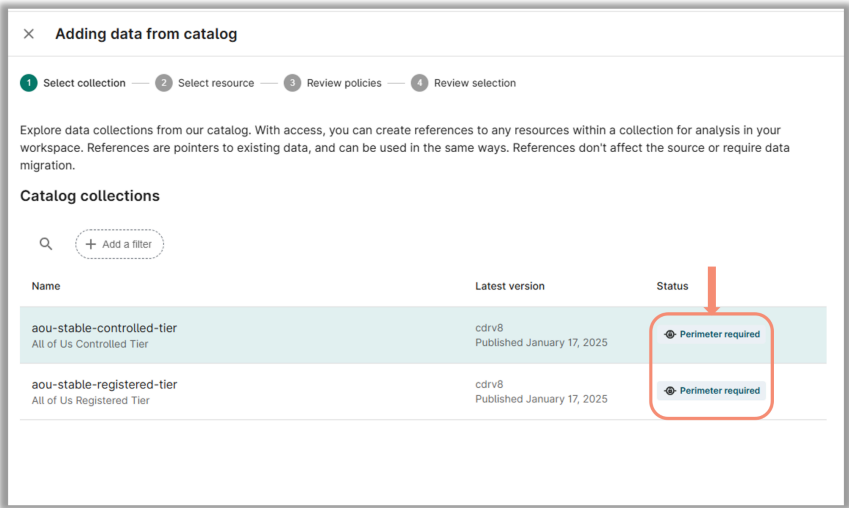
A [region policy](#) is a type of policy that limits which regions of a platform, like Workbench 2.0, may be used to create cloud resources and apps. The Researcher Workbench 2.0 uses Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and will utilize [regions within GCP](#). *All of Us* data collections and workspaces are restricted and automatically assigned to the region **us-central1(Iowa)**. When you create a workspace in Researcher Workbench 2.0, it will automatically keep cloud resources and apps created in the workspace within this region. This is the same region restriction that exists in the legacy Researcher Workbench.

Network Policy

A [network policy](#) is a type of policy that disables direct internet access for virtual machines (VMs) that run batch jobs. For example, you will be unable to access certain SSH commands or externally access the VM through the internet.

Perimeter Policy

A [perimeter policy](#) restricts data movement - such as copy, transfer and retrieval of data - to the cloud boundaries. It limits copy, transfer, and retrieval of data. In the Researcher Workbench 2.0, data collections and workspaces can be placed within a perimeter to enforce these limits. The *All of Us* Research Program requires workspaces using *All of Us* data collections (Registered Tier and Controlled Tier) to be restricted within a perimeter, and each workspace can belong to only one perimeter. A workspace perimeter is automatically and permanently assigned when you add an *All of Us* data collection to your workspace (see image below).



Group Policy

A [group policy](#) limits workspace access and data sharing to users of the selected groups. The *All of Us* data collections group policy only allows users with the affiliated [@researchallofus.org](#) usernames to access a workspace that has an *All of Us* data collection in it. To collaborate on a workspace, all users must be approved for access to the data collection attached to the workspace. For example, only users who have access to Controlled Tier data can access workspaces with the *All of Us* Controlled Tier data collection in it. Users are automatically added to the *All of Us* data collections once they complete applicable data access requirements. Similar to the legacy Researcher Workbench, users are not allowed to add both Registered and Controlled Tier data collections to the workspace, meaning you are only able to add Registered Tier or Controlled Tier data collections to a given workspace.

Researcher Use Statement Questions

The *All of Us* [Data User Code of Conduct](#) (DUCC) requires researchers to provide transparency into their study plans for each workspace. Before you can create a workspace, you must provide a thorough, meaningful description of your research project and study plans in the “Workspace Description Form.” These questions are the same as the prompts provided in the Workspace Description Form in the legacy Researcher Workbench.

To navigate a workspace

Each workspace includes four tabs: [Overview](#), [Resources](#), [Apps](#), and [Workflows](#).



1. The **Overview** tab includes an editable version of the workspace description provided during the [workspace creation process](#).

Note: When adding an *All of Us* data collection, you must adhere to the [policies](#) attached to the data collection. At that time, you will enter information such as the workspace

description information under the “**Researcher Use Statement Questions.**” Learn more [here](#).

2. The **Resources** tab houses the data resources for facilitating analysis. In many cases, resources are simply multimodal data that can be managed within a workspace.

There are two main types of data resources in Verily Workbench:

- **Object-based data resources** contain files and folders (i.e., storage buckets and objects).
- **Tabular data resources** contain BigQuery datasets and tables (i.e., *All of Us* Curated Data Repositories [CDRs], aka data collections).

3. The **Apps** tab includes the cloud computing resources such as JupyterLab, R Analysis Environment, Visual Studio Code, etc.
4. The **Workflows** tab is where you can add, run, and monitor workflows after they have been added to the workspace.

Tutorial Workspace

The *All of Us* Researcher Workbench 2.0 tutorial workspace, “[All of Us Tutorial Workspace: Getting Started with Registered Tier Data \(v8\)](#)” helps researchers get started accessing *All of Us* data in Researcher Workbench 2.0. This workspace demonstrates how to set up a workspace in Verily Workbench and how to access the *All of Us* Registered Tier V8 dataset.

You have received reader access to the “[All of Us Tutorial Workspace: Getting Started with Registered Tier Data \(v8\)](#).” To work in the workspace, please duplicate the workspace using the following steps:

1. On the landing page of the Researcher Workspace, this tutorial workspace will be listed. Alternatively, you can navigate to “**Workspaces**” and it will be listed there. We recommend you “favorite” this workspace.



2. You will only have read-only access to the tutorial workspace. To access contents of the workspace, duplicate the workspace as shown below.



3. Follow the prompts on the pop-up screen to duplicate the workspace. You can rename the workspace and change any editable field.
4. After completing the prompts, open the duplicated workspace and dive into exploring *All of Us* data with the updated Researcher Workbench.

Additional resources

- [Workspaces overview](#): Explore a high-level understanding of what role workspaces play in Verily Workbench.
- [Edit workspace details](#): Read instructions and details for editing a workspace.
- [Manage data for research](#): Find out how you can add data resources for analysis.
- [Data resources overview](#): Understand data resources that can be used in Verily Workbench and how to make them available for analysis in a workspace.
- [Analysis apps](#): Understand how cloud apps work in Verily Workbench.
- [Cloud apps overview](#): Explore a high-level understanding of cloud apps in Verily Workbench and their capabilities, key components, and built-in vs. customization options.
- [Workflows](#): Discover what workflows are and how you can run them in Verily Workbench.

Analysis tools

Researcher Workbench 2.0 allows for new and improved computation analysis tools such as JupyterLab, R Analysis Environment (i.e., RStudio), Visual Studio Code, and workflow tools.

At beta launch, some applications and features will be limited in Researcher Workbench 2.0. Learn more in the support article [What to expect during the Researcher Workbench Migration](#).

At beta, you will be able to use the following:

- JupyterLab
- Workflow tools (Cromwell, Nextflow, dsub via command line (CLI) and UI tools)
- [Data Explorer](#)
- Expanded cloud environment settings
- Two new NVIDIA GPU - accelerated libraries
 - JupyterLab - NVIDIA NeMo for AI Development (NeMo)
 - JupyterLab - NVIDIA Parabricks and CUDA-X Data Science

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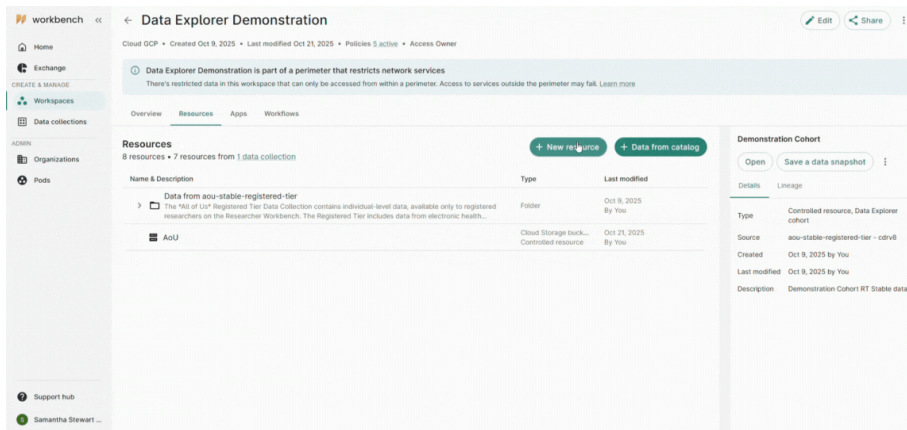
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- [Cloud app cost estimates](#): Learn how cloud app cost estimates are calculated in Verily Workbench.
- [Workflows in Verily Workbench: Cromwell, dsub, and Nextflow](#): Discover information on creating workflows in Verily Workbench using Cromwell, dsub, and Nextflow.
- [Git integrations with cloud apps](#): Explore detailed instructions for working with Git and GitHub in Verily Workbench.
- [Access workspace files and folders from your cloud app](#): Read detailed instructions for accessing mounted workspace files and folders from your cloud app.

Data Explorer

In Researcher Workbench 2.0, cohorts and datasets will be created through the new [Data Explorer](#), powered by Verily Pre. This updated tool is similar to the Cohort Builder and Dataset Builder in Researcher Workbench 1.0, and lets you visually explore data, design custom cohorts, and export datasets directly to your workspaces.

You can start working with it by creating a cohort in the **Resources** tab of your workspace. For a step-by-step guide to creating a cohort, see support article [New Data Explorer in Researcher Workbench 2.0](#).



Billing and Managing Cost

Similar to the existing Researcher Workbench, [computational costs are incurred based](#) on the amount of data used, the analysis tools used, any environment customizations, and storage usage.

When you create a workspace in the Researcher Workbench 2.0, you will be prompted to select a pod. [Billing pods](#) are created and linked to a Google Cloud Platform billing account. Consider a billing pod as the GCP billing account. In the Researcher Workbench 2.0, you can

use your *All of Us* initial credits, but once [initial credits](#) are exhausted or expire, a [Google Cloud Platform \(GCP\) billing account must be set up](#) to proceed with analyses on the Workbench.

Note: Once a pod is selected for your workspace, the pod cannot be changed once linked to your workspace. In order to change your billing for a workspace, you will be required to duplicate the workspace, and add an updated billing pod.

Adding *All of Us* Credits to your workspace

To use your *All of Us* initial credits in the Researcher Workbench 2.0, you will select the pod with your name formatted like “user-pod-<username>-XXXX.” For example, if your *All of Us* username is jane.doe@researchallofus.org your *All of Us* initial credit billing pod would be “user-pod-jane-doe-XXXX” with XXX being a random string.

Adding your own billing pod to your workspace

To create a billing pod in the new Researcher Workbench, the first step is to set up a Google Cloud Platform (GCP) billing account if you do not have one already. You have two options: [via a self-managed GCP Billing Account](#) or through a third-party reseller. To learn more about establishing a GCP billing account, see [Paying for Your Research](#).

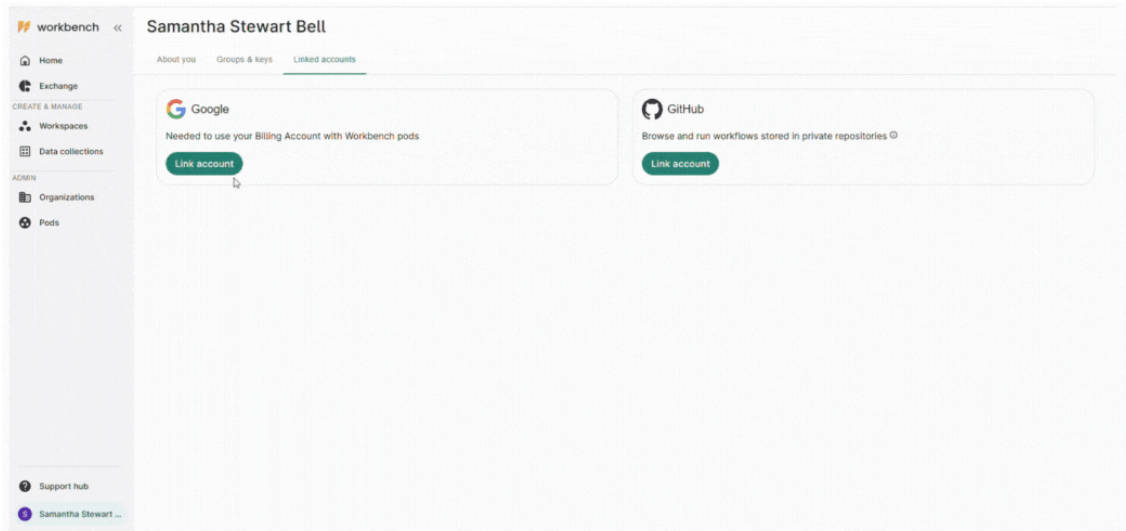
Once your GCP billing account is established, you will need to grant permission to the workbench to use the billing account. To do so you can follow the detailed steps [here](#).

1. Log in to [GCP Console Billing](#).
2. Select the billing account to be used.
3. Choose “**Account Management**” on the left hand panel.
4. Navigate to “**My Billing Account**” on the right hand panel.
5. Select “**Add Principal**.”
6. Add billing@workbench.verily.com as a “**Billing Account User**” and save.

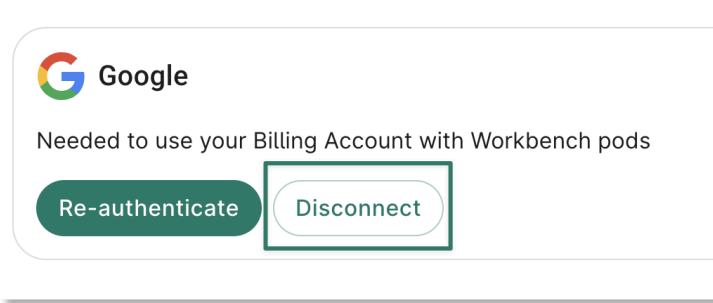
The image shows the Google Cloud Billing console interface. On the left, there is a table of billing accounts with columns for 'Billing account name', 'Billing account ID', 'Status', and 'Last 30 days' spend'. One account, 'aju-p3', is selected. On the right, a 'Grant access to' dialog box is open, showing the resource 'pers' and the 'Assign roles' section. In the 'Assign roles' section, the 'Billing Account User' role is highlighted with a green circle.

After you create your GCP billing account or receive permission from your research team to use an existing one, you will complete a couple of tasks to set up use within the Researcher Workbench 2.0.

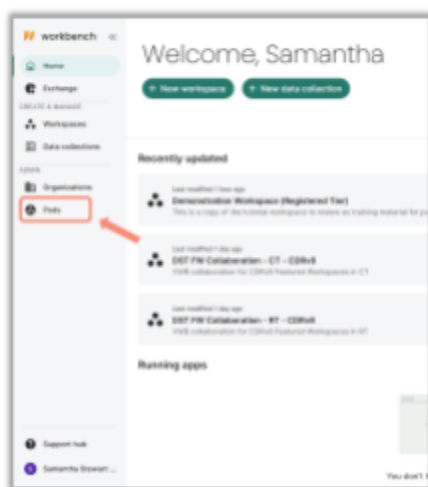
1. In the Researcher Workbench 2.0, select your profile > **“Linked accounts”**
2. Select **“Link Account”** under the Google section.
3. This will bring up a dialog window. You will need to sign in with your @researchallofus.org username and check the "View and manage your Google Cloud Platform billing accounts" box.
4. Allow Verily Workbench access to the GCP account.



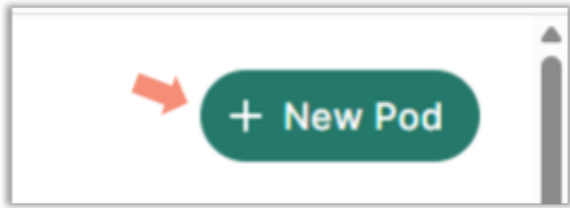
- To later unlink your account, you can click the “**Disconnect**” button.



5. After you have linked your account, create the new pod. **You will need to know the 18-character Google Billing account ID of the GCP account that you want to use.** Navigate back to the Researcher Workbench 2.0 landing page. Select “**Pods**” on the left hand menu.



6. On the next page, select “**New Pod**” on the upper right hand side.



7. Enter in the appropriate information related to the GCP billing account for this pod. Then select “**Create Pod.**”

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Creating pod'. The form has a close button (X) in the top left. Below the title is a section 'Pod details' with a sub-header 'Pod details' and a note: 'Pods are linked to a cloud account for billing. Users can share resources and more using pods.' There are four input fields: 1. 'Pod ID (Required)' with the value 'amy_pod1' and a note 'Only use lowercase letters, numbers, dashes, and underscores'. 2. 'Description' with the value 'example pod'. 3. 'Organization (Required)' with a dropdown menu showing 'Capybara Intelligence'. 4. 'GCP Billing ID (Required)' with a value that is partially obscured but appears to be '1-4-8-4-4-2-4-4-4-3-4-2'. The form is enclosed in a light gray border.

8. After pod creation, you can view your new pod under the “**Pods**” page. This page will show both the pods that you have created, and those to which others have granted you access.
9. You can now use the pod when [creating new workspaces](#).

Managing Cost: The same practices you take with the existing Researcher Workbench should be applied during the Researcher Workbench 2.0. We recommend reviewing the “Additional resources” below to learn more about cost management.

Additional resources

- [Cost management on Verily Workbench](#): Explore in-depth information about Verily Workbench activities that incur cloud charges and ways to manage cloud costs when using Verily Workbench.

- [Getting started and what to know about costs](#): Learn more about costs in the *All of Us* Researcher Workbench. **Note:** *Costs may vary in Researcher Workbench 2.0 depending on the analysis application used and compute profile.*
- [Getting Started and What to Know About Costs](#): Optimize your cloud spend by reviewing these cost estimates and high level overview of types of spend using *All of Us* data.

Sharing feedback

Your feedback is invaluable to us. Using the [Feedback for Researcher Workbench 2.0 form](#), you can provide different types of feedback:

- **Experience with Researcher Workbench 2.0:** Share your experience with the various features and products of the new Researcher Workbench.
- **Feature or tool:** Recommend a feature or tool for the new Researcher Workbench (e.g., analysis tools, workflow recommendations, etc.).

You may complete the feedback form multiple times, and we encourage you to share your initial feedback.

If you have any questions regarding the new Researcher Workbench, please contact us at support@researchallofus.org.