

A Study of Autistic Traits in Females

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Help us learn about the lived experiences of autistic females.

This study explores how autistic traits present differently in females than males. Findings will help us understand how autism may be expressed and experienced differently by females and contribute to more equitable research and clinical practices.



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STUDY OBJECTIVE:

- To characterize social language profiles and related cognitive and mechanistic skills in autistic females and their family members

IMPORTANCE OF STUDY:

- Explores heritable behavioral and cognitive traits that may relate to differences in the expression of autistic traits in females, who have been historically underrepresented in research
- Helps inform the lived experiences of autistic females

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Autistic adolescents and adults and their parents
- Adolescents and adults without autism and their parents

PARTICIPATION INCLUDES:

- Completing questionnaires
- Telling stories
- Solving puzzles
- Talking about your friendships and the ways you relate to other people



COMPENSATION AND TIME:

- Participation involves 1-2 visits
- Compensation for participation varies with the number of tasks completed

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