

Partnering in Research: Listening to Families, Shaping the Future of Autism Science

At the Lurie Center for Autism, research is not just about data and discoveries—it's about people. Every study we undertake is driven by a deep commitment to understanding and improving the lives of individuals with autism and their families. We know that living with autism presents unique challenges, and we believe that the best way to find meaningful solutions is to listen to those with lived *experience*.

That's why we created the [Lurie Center Research Registry](#). Much more than just a list, it's a bridge—connecting families and individuals with research that aligns with their priorities and needs. Instead of offering research opportunities that might feel disconnected from real-life concerns, we work to ensure that the studies we conduct reflect the hopes and interests of the autism community.

“Research can sometimes feel distant or abstract, but at its core, it is an incredibly human endeavor. Scientists, families, and individuals all bring passion, curiosity, and a shared goal of improving lives,” says Jacob Hooker, PhD, Scientific Director at the Lurie Center for Autism. “At the Lurie Center, we are making sure that research is a partnership—one where families help guide the questions we ask and the discoveries we pursue.”

We deeply appreciate every individual and family who shares their time, experiences, and trust with us. Your voices shape the direction of our work, ensuring that we focus on what matters most. By enrolling in the Research Registry, you can help guide the future of autism research and be part of discoveries that lead to real, meaningful change.

Together, we are not just advancing science—we are making research personal again, centered on the people it serves.

Top 5 Interests from Registry Participants:

- Genetics
- ADHD
- Communication
- Anxiety
- Diagnostic processes for ASD

What would you add to this list?

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