



www.SPARKforAutism.org/rush

What is SPARK?

SPARK is a free, online autism study that aims to recruit and engage 50,000 individuals with autism and their family members, living in the United States.

What is the purpose of SPARK?

Today we simply don't know enough about autism. SPARK—a landmark autism research project—aims to make important progress possible. SPARK stands for 'Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge,' and the mission is simple: we want to speed up research and advance our understanding of autism to help improve lives.

Who can participate?

Anyone with a professional diagnosis of ASD who lives in the United States can participate. Individuals or their caregivers must be able to read, understand, and consent in English. This includes: people who have already had genetic testing, have co-morbid disorders, people of any age, people with any level of language, and people who identify as having PDD-NOS, Asperger's, etc.

How do you participate?

Independent adults (over 18 years old, own guardian) with ASD will register online (15-20 minutes) and invite parents to register.

Parents/guardians of dependent adults/children with ASD will register online (15-20 minutes) for themselves and their child/children with ASD, as well as any siblings under age 18. They will invite the child's biological parent(s), who will receive an invitation via e-mail. Families will be asked to consent to share their data and to provide a saliva sample – which will be mailed directly to their home at no cost to the participant.

All registration can be done by visiting: www.sparkforautism.org/rush .

Why should you participate?

1. To contribute to a large, national research community focused on autism spectrum disorder.
2. To become part of both a national autism research community and a local autism research community
3. To learn more about the latest in autism research and treatment through SPARK articles, webinars and more.
4. Participants will receive **up to \$50**.

For more information, visit www.sparkforautism.org/rush or call 312-563-2765.