



How do youth with Autism explore faces?

We are currently looking for youth between 8-17 years of age and their parents to participate in research studies on the exploration of faces. Some of these studies involve visiting our lab at the SFU Burnaby campus, while others take place at the University of British Columbia. The goal of our research is to understand the underlying mechanisms of autism, which will help to improve treatment and intervention strategies.

Participants who are able to visit us at SFU and UBC will be scheduled at their convenience and may be asked to come in for two 2 hour sessions (including breaks). During the session at SFU, parents will be asked questions about their child's development and social competence while the child/adolescent participates in standardized tests assessing cognitive skills. During the session at UBC, the child will take part in a computer task that involves matching faces while his/her eye movements are monitored. Parents will be provided with \$40 travel reimbursement and the children/adolescents will be provided with a movie pass or Chapters gift card as compensation for their time.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about these studies, please contact the SFU Autism Lab:

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