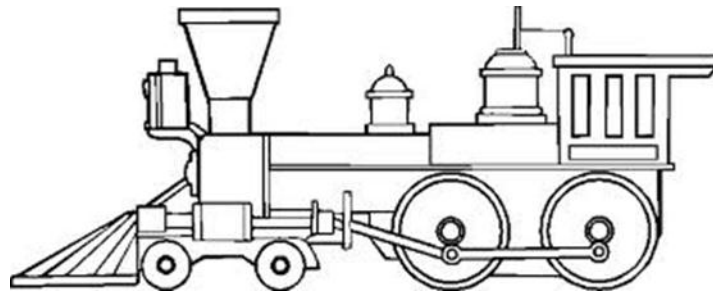


Does your child or teenager love trains.?



Dr. Iarocci and colleagues at Simon Fraser University Department of Psychology are currently looking **for children and youth (6- 19 years)** who have a special interest in trains. Many children develop special interests that captivate them to the exclusion of other activities. An interest in trains is the type of interest that motivates children to learn.

The goal of this study is to understand how special interests develop, how they affect learning about trains and how this learning is related to learning about social things. For example, do we recognize trains as easily as we recognize faces? Ultimately, we want to understand how we might make use of the high internal motivation to learn about objects and apply that to aspects of children's learning that they might be less interested in.

Participants will engage in game-like computer activities, paper and pencil tasks, and other activities at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby campus. Scheduling is flexible and there is a **small monetary thank you for participating (movie pass, Chapters gift card, or cash)**. All of our researchers have undergone research training, criminal records checks, and have experience working with children on the autism spectrum.

For more information and to sign up, please email Sarah at addl@sfu.ca or call our research lab at 778-782-6746. There are limited appointments available so sign up today!