






Simons Searchlight is a partnership of leading scientists, researchers, and families on a mission. We are determined to accelerate the science of genetics in autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders.

Meaningful progress depends on collaboration.

What is Simons Searchlight?






Driven by science. United by hope. Leading scientists, doctors and families have come together to form Simons Searchlight. Together, we will drive science forward.

Our plan is to:

-  Collect **detailed medical and behavioral histories** along with blood and saliva samples.
-  Synthesize the information you provide and **share results** back to families.
-  Freely share data and samples with **qualified researchers**.
-  **Connect participants** around the world.
-  Promote **better understanding** of these genetic changes.

Why join?

You can play a meaningful part in the quest for more answers. As part of the Simons Searchlight community, you can:

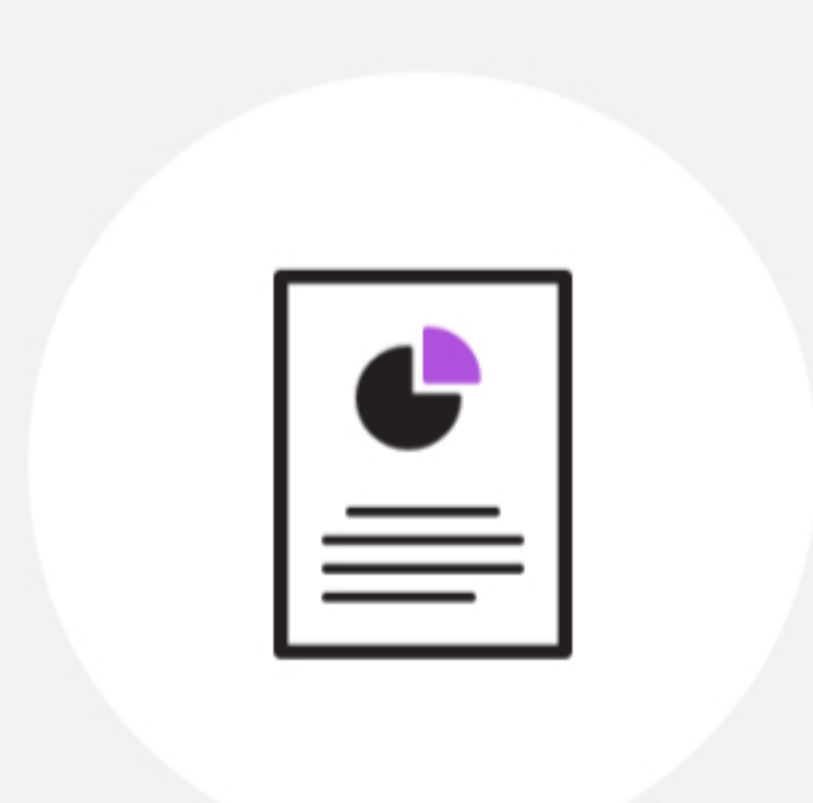
-  **Gain clarity** on your or your family member's diagnosis.
-  Partner with some of the **best minds** in science.
-  **Get updates** on the latest research findings.
-  **Connect with others** who share your diagnosis.
-  Contribute to advancements that will also **help future families**.

How to participate

Do you have a genetic diagnosis that is on our list? Are you a biological parent or legal guardian of a person with a diagnosis? Then please follow the steps below.



Sign up online.
SimonsSearchlight.org



Provide your genetic lab report.



Discuss your medical history with a genetic counselor.



Unite with researchers and other families.

Common Questions



How to add family members?

One parent registers for an account, adds each child to their account during registration, and completes their consent forms.

The parent may also send an invitation to a second parent using the feature on your dashboard. The second parent will follow the link from their email and register for their own account, which will be linked to the rest of their family.



When do I earn gift cards?

Gift cards are earned by completing surveys and phone interviews through the study. Once earned, gift cards will be sent in an email.



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How much time does it take?

Registration takes about 15 minutes. Each survey varies in length, but most take less than 30 minutes. You can fill them out one at a time or do several in a row – go at your own pace!