



Driven by science. United by hope.

# How can we create scientific breakthroughs for rare genetic conditions?

**Families must come together to connect the dots.**

Simons Searchlight is a partnership of leading scientists, doctors, and families on a mission. We are determined to accelerate genetic research related to autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Meaningful progress depends on collaboration.

**Your unique insight will make an important contribution.**



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# 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** with families.
- Freely share data and samples with **qualified researchers**.
- **Connect participants** around the world.
- Promote **better understanding** of these genetic changes.

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**“After feeling alone with such a rare condition, we have now been put in touch with many other families who share a similar story.”**

**-Leah, Parent**

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# Who can join?

We study over 100 genes that are associated with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. You or your family member needs a genetically confirmed diagnosis of one of these genetic conditions to join. You can find this list at [SimonsSearchlight.org](http://SimonsSearchlight.org).

The study is currently available in English, and we have several additional languages coming soon.

# 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**.

## Join the team

Joining is easy and can be done at your pace,  
at no cost to you.



### STEP 1

Sign up online.  
**SimonsSearchlight.org**



### STEP 2

Provide your genetic  
lab report.



### STEP 3

Discuss your medical  
history with a genetic  
counselor.



### STEP 4

Unite with researchers  
and other families.