

[These were the Expression of Interest (EOI) questions for AARC membership in 2022. Please note that Expressions of Interest are now closed and that the following is provided for general information purposes only and is subject to change for the next EOI round which will take place in late 2022.]

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Australasian Autism Research Council from January 2022. Find out more about the Australian Autism Research Council.

Expressions of interest will close at 11:59pm (AEST) on Monday 20th September 2021.

We will advise people whether they have been selected or not via email by 5pm AEST on Friday 12th November 2021.

The new members of the AARC will commence their term in January 2022.

If you would like to know more about this expression of interest, please read our Privacy Policy.

Important things to note:

- Please read the AARC Terms of Reference before submitting your application.
- Submitting an expression of Interest does not guarantee that you will be invited to be part of the Australian Autism Research Council.
- The Council has a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15 members.
- Expressions of Interest are welcome from both Australia and New Zealand.
- Organisations wishing to support an individual's nomination may submit a letter of support.
- The decision about who will become members of the AARC will be considered by the current AARC membership and ratified by the Board of the Autism CRC
- If you don't complete it all at once you should be able to return to your application as long as it's from the same computer/browser

Your details

- First name (You are welcome to use a preferred name, e.g. Jo rather than Joanna)
- Last name
- Email address
- Postcode

What Country do you live in?

- Australia
- New Zealand

Your connection to the Autistic and broader autism communities

The AARC values diversity and welcomes expressions of interest from across the autistic and broader autism communities.

However, the AARC Terms of Reference also specifies certain perspectives which must be represented on the AARC. These requirements specify who can be appointed to a certain number of positions on the AARC, but there are other positions open to the community more broadly.

If you represent other communities not listed in the table below (such as health and education professionals, First Nations people or university students) you will be able to share these connections in response to a later question.

Community representation specified in the AARC Terms of Reference	Additional detail required
At least 3 autistic individuals	No additional detail required
At least 1 parent or carer of a person on the autism spectrum	No additional detail required
At least 1 representative of an autistic or autism community advocacy organisation	<p>This refers to individuals who are engaged at a management or board level and are authorised to represent an organisation's interests.</p> <p>Please tell us the name of the organisation and briefly outline your role. A letter of support from the organisation you would be representing is also strongly encouraged.</p>
At least 1 representative of a service organisation to the autistic community	<p>This refers to individuals who are engaged at a management or board level and are authorised to represent an organisation's interests.</p> <p>Please tell us the name of the organisation and briefly outline your role. A letter of support from the organisation you would be representing is also strongly encouraged.</p>
At least 1 representative of the Australian or New Zealand autism research communities	<p>This refers to individuals who hold a relevant masters by research or PhD who are affiliated with a university or research organisation (including service or advocacy organisations with a dedicated research team) and involved in at least one active research project relating to autism.</p> <p>Please tell us the organisation or university you are engaged with briefly outlining your position, qualifications and a short description (one sentence) of a relevant piece of research you are currently involved in.</p>
At least 1 representative of an Australian Commonwealth Government department or agency delivering services to members of the autistic community, preferably with a broad portfolio view, e.g. disability, education and health	<p>Please tell us the Commonwealth department or agency you work for and briefly outline your role and how it relates to services provided to members of the autistic community.</p> <p>A letter of support from the department or agency you would be representing is also strongly encouraged.</p>

Please note these minimum requirements apply to the AARC as a whole rather than the positions which are currently open for nomination

Please indicate which (if any) of the above communities you represent and provide any additional detail required

Select as many as apply:

- I am Autistic
- I am a parent/carer or other family member of an autistic person
- I am a representative of an Autistic or autism community advocacy organisation (please see table above for additional detail required)
- I am a representative of an organisation which provides services to the autistic community (please see table above for additional detail required)
- I am a representative of the Australian or New Zealand autism research community (please see table above for additional detail required)
- I am a representative of an Australian Commonwealth Government department or agency (please see table above for additional detail required)

Please provide details of your involvement in these communities (as outlined in the table above) (150 words or less)

Are there any other relevant Communities you represent that are not listed above?

- I am a member of a minority group
- I am a professional working with the autistic community
- I am a support worker / work directly with autistic people (for people who are employed to work with autistic people)
- I am a member of another relevant Community (please specify)

[If minority group, professional or member of another relevant Community was selected]

Please briefly describe the communities you represent (100 words or less):

(e.g. "I represent the allied health community because I am a speech pathologist who has worked with children on the spectrum for 15 years" or "I represent the queer community because I run a social group for myself and other LGBTQIA+ autistic folk")

[If professional was selected]

Professional Type:

- Allied Health Professional
- Education Professional
- Health/Medical Professional
- Legal Professional
- Other

Why would you like to be part of the Australasian Autism Research Council? What skills and experiences would you bring to the AARC? * (300 words or less)

** Please note that while you are welcome to refer to the fact you have a blog, a group you are a member of etc. the actual content of any links to external resources that you might refer to such as websites, videos or articles will not be considered as part of your Expression of Interest or provided to selectors.*

Please email aarc@autismcrc.com.au if you would like to submit a voice recording or video as your response to this question.

Videos and voice recordings must be no longer than two and a half minutes in length and will be converted to text for selectors. If you submit a video or voice response to this question you will still need to complete the rest of this form.

Letter of Support

You do not need to have a letter of support to be considered for the AARC. However, providing a letter of support is strongly encouraged if you are indicating that you would represent the views of an advocacy organisation, a service provider or a Government department or agency.

If an organisation is submitting a letter of support for you, please ask them to email it directly to the AARC Secretariat at aarc@autismcrc.com.au. Letters must be received by the EOI closing date to be considered and only one letter of support may be submitted for each Expression of Interest. Letters of support from individuals (e.g. friends, family & colleagues) rather than organisations are unable to be considered.

More information on letters of support can be found on our webpage.

Are you expecting there to be a letter of support with regard to your nomination?

- Yes
- No

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Autism CRC was established in 2013 and is the world's first national, cooperative research effort focused on autism. We provide the national capacity to develop and deliver evidence-based outcomes through our unique collaboration with the autism community, research organisations, industry and government.

Choose as many options as you prefer:

- I would like to receive communication from Autism CRC, including news and targeted information and invitations based on my specified communities
- I would like to stay updated on future studies
- I am interested in making a donation to Autism CRC to support ongoing research efforts to benefit the community

Declaration

I confirm that:

- I am aged 18 years or over
- I live in Australia or New Zealand
- I have read, understood and if appointed would accept the Terms of Reference.

There won't be any follow up questions or interviews, so double check you haven't forgot to mention something important before you submit, especially if you've said you represent a community for which we've indicated you need to provide particular details about your involvement.