167 Australian adults who were either:

• Diagnosed with high functioning autism/Asperger’s Syndrome (HFA/AS)
• Diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder and an intellectual disability (ASD+ID)
• Carers of adults diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder and an intellectual disability
• Neuro-typical adults were included so that we could compare what they thought, liked and disliked about taking part in research with the likes and dislikes of people on the autism spectrum.

Autism CRC and the research partners in this study sincerely thank the participants in this study for their time and their willingness to share their opinions and ideas. Without these contributions, this study would not have been possible.

You can get the full report of this study and an executive summary via the Autism CRC ASD Connect Hub at autismcrc.com.au/recruitmentreport

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We are all different, we are all individuals.

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Things that make it easier to take part in a research project

What people told us

How will this research help people on the autism spectrum?

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All participants:
- Helping to make things better for people on the spectrum
- Helping to develop practical programs and initiatives
- Increasing the acceptance and understanding of people on the spectrum by others
- Creating more opportunities for people to have a fulfilled life as part of the wider community

Participants on the Spectrum:
- Being valued as equal partners and given the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the study
- Having their voices heard and acted upon, and to be able to contribute across the full range of their capabilities