



Autism Research Centre
Aotearoa New Zealand



Autistic Partnership Network Membership

The Autistic Partnership of Aotearoa New Zealand (AP-NZ) invites Autistic people to join our wider network.

We are a network of Autistic people who work with Autism Research Centre (ARC) researchers. Together, we co-design and co-produce research that aligns with the research priorities of Autistic communities.

More information about the ARC and AP-NZ:



[Introduction to the Autism Research Centre and Autistic Partnership](#)
[Autistic Partnership FAQ](#)

To become a member of the **AP-NZ network**, you need to:

- ✓ **Identify as Autistic** (formal diagnosis or self-identified/self-diagnosed)
- ✓ **Be at least 16 years of age**
- ✓ **Live in Aotearoa New Zealand**
- ✓ **Agree to follow the AP-NZ principles**

No research experience is needed. The expertise of members of the AP-NZ is in Autistic lived experience.

Read about the AP-NZ principles here:



[Autistic Partnership Principles](#)

You can join the AP-NZ in the way that works best for you:

1. **Fill out and submit** the Autistic Partnership Network Membership Form via Qualtrics by [clicking here](#)
2. **Fill out the Membership Form** electronically or by hand (PDF or Word) and email it to the Chair of the AP-NZ Ruth Monk at ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz
3. **Answer the Membership Form questions** in writing or as an audio or video recording and email them to ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz
4. **Send an email introduction or set up a phone/video call** by emailing ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz

Support and accessibility

Contact the AP-NZ Chair Ruth Monk at ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz:



- If you need information or forms in an alternative format
- If you support an Autistic person who may need specific accommodations
- If you have questions about the AP-NZ or joining the AP-NZ