**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](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/content/dam/uoc-main-site/documents/word-docs/research/autism-research/Introduction%20to%20the%20ARC.docx)

[Autistic Partnership FAQ](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/content/dam/uoc-main-site/documents/word-docs/research/autism-research/Autistic%20Partnership%20FAQ.docx)

**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](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/content/dam/uoc-main-site/documents/word-docs/research/autism-research/Autistic%20Partnership%20Principles.docx)

**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](https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ny7s4eexPCxLqS)
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](mailto: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](mailto:ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz)
4. **Send an email introduction or set up a phone/video call** by emailing [ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz)

**Support and accessibility**

Contact the AP-NZ Chair Ruth Monk at [ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:ruth.monk@canterbury.ac.nz):

* *[](mailto: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