

Autistic University Students Advisory Group

We're recruiting autistic current UK university students or recent graduates (18+) whose autism pathway was happening while at university (diagnosed, seeking diagnosis or self-identifying)

What is the study?

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This study, led by an autistic doctoral researcher, explores the experiences of autistic students who are currently studying at, or have recently graduated from, a UK university. Our previous research suggested that recognition and support can vary across universities and may be influenced by diagnostic status. We therefore want to hear from students whose autism pathway was happening while they were at university:

- ✓ **Were diagnosed as autistic while attending a UK university**
- ✓ **Are seeking/awaiting an autism diagnosis while attending a UK university**
- ✓ **Self-identify as autistic while attending a UK university**

Why create an advisory group?

This Research Advisory Group (RAG) exists so autistic people can help shape research that affects autistic students. Autistic involvement matters, not just as participants, but in deciding what feels important, how questions are worded, and what makes a study accessible. The RAG consisting of 3-5 members will help refine the study materials and focus group questions and support autism-inclusive facilitation of the focus groups.

You can also email to register an expression of interest for the future online focus groups if you are a current UK university student or recent graduate (18+) and your autism pathway was happening while you were attending university (diagnosed during / seeking diagnosis during / self-identifying during).

Advisory Group

- ✓ Online (Teams)
- ✓ Camera optional
- ✓ 3 × 60-min meetings
- ✓ £25 Amazon voucher per meeting (£75 total)
- ✓ + £12.50 optional review



Focus Group

- ✓ Online (Teams)
- ✓ Camera optional
- ✓ 1 × 60–90 mins
- ✓ £25 Amazon thank-you voucher

Interested? Email **Karen Cross** for the information sheet
(no obligation)

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