

LETTER OF INFORMATION / CONSENT

Participant Pool for Autism and Stuttering Studies

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Purpose:

You are invited to be added to a participant pool for the Cannon Lab. We are collecting e-mail addresses from adults who self-identify/are diagnosed with having autism or having a stutter that are interested in participating in future studies investigating differences in sensorimotor synchronization, the coordination of movements in time with external rhythms, in autistic adults as well as adults with a stutter.

What will happen during a future study?

Participating in a future study is voluntary. When contacted for a future study, you will be provided with details about the study and can ask questions before deciding to participate. The experimental study will last approximately one hour and will take place in the Cannon Lab located in room 322 in the Psychology building at McMaster University.

Are there any risks involved?

There may be risks involved in providing your email. You may feel uncomfortable with disclosing personal information including your e-mail, your age, and whether you self-identify/are diagnosed with autism or having a stutter. Furthermore, you may be concerned about who will know you are a part of the participant pool for autism or stuttering studies. To mitigate the risks involved, the information you provide will be stored securely on private computers where only members of the research team have access.

Potential Benefits

You may not benefit directly from taking part in a future study. These studies will provide an opportunity for you to learn about rhythm research. Results of future studies will advance scientific understanding of perceptual and neural entrainment to rhythm relevant to understanding and treating autism and stuttering.

Incentive

There is no incentive for providing your email address for the participant pool. There will be an opportunity to be compensated in the form of a gift card for participating in a future study. The amount of compensation will be determined at the time of the study.

Confidentiality

You are participating in this study confidentially. We will not use your name or any information that would allow you to be identified. Providing your email may contain direct identifying information, such as your name. Additionally, through the combination of indirect identifying variables (age, self-identification/diagnosis as having autism or a stutter), it may be possible to identify some participants. Please keep this in mind when deciding whether you want to participate and what questions you answer. The information you provide will be stored securely on private computers where only members of the research team have access.

What if I change my mind about being in future studies?

Providing your contact information for future studies is voluntary. There are no consequences for not participating or withdrawing from the study after you give your consent. You may withdraw at any time by sending a request to cannon.lab.mcmaster@gmail.com be removed from the participant pool.

Questions about the Study or to be added to the participation pool:

If you are interested in being added to the Cannon Lab participation pool, please fill out this [Google form](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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This recruitment process has been reviewed by the McMaster Research Ethics Board and received ethics clearance under project #6372. If you have concerns or questions about your rights as a participant or about the way the study is conducted, please contact:

McMaster Research Ethics Office
Telephone: (905) 525-9140 ext. 23142
E-mail: mreb@mcmaster.ca

CONSENT

- I have read the information presented in the information letter about being added to a participant pool conducted by Jessica Jalbert and Davina Premraj, under the supervision of Dr. Jonathan Cannon, at McMaster University.
- I have had the opportunity to ask questions about my involvement in a future study and to receive additional details I requested.
- I understand that if I agree to provide my information for a future study, I can remove my email from the participant pool at any time by emailing cannon.lab.mcmaster@gmail.com.
- I have been given a copy of this form.
- I understand that by providing my email I am consenting to the storage of my email in a participant pool to be used for future research involving participants who identify as having a stutter or having autism.
- I agree to be contacted to participate in a future study.