

Curriculum Vitae: Professor Sir Simon Baron-Cohen

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Current positions

- 2001+: Professor in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University.
- 1997+: Director, Autism Research Centre, Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge University.
- 2007+: Trinity College, Cambridge, Professorial Fellow in Experimental Psychology, NST and MVST.
- 2018+: Trinity College, Cambridge, Director of Studies in Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, (PBS).
- 2026+: Director, K. Lisa Yang Centre for Autism Research at Cambridge and Director, Autism Research Institute, Cambridge University.

Past positions

- 1987-88: University College London, Lecturer, Department of Psychology.
- 1989-91: New Blood Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1991-94: Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1990-94: Co-program lead, MRC Child Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London.
- 1994-99: Lecturer in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University,
- 1999-2001: Reader in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University.
- 1995-2007: Teaching Fellow in Experimental Psychology, Medical and Veterinary Sciences and Natural Sciences Trinity College, Cambridge.

Educational qualifications

- 1978-81: BA Hons Human Sciences, New College, Oxford.
- 1982-85: PhD Psychology, University College London & MRC Cognitive Development Unit.
- 1985-87: MPhil Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London.

Distinctions and Awards

- 1990: The British Psychological Society, Spearman Medal.
- 1990: The American Psychological Association (Division 7), McCandless Award.
- 1992: Fellowship to the Center for Advanced Study, Stanford, 1992.
- 1993: The British Psychological Society (Clinical Psychology), May Davison Award.
- 1996: Fellow, British Psychological Society.
- 1998: The British Association for the Advancement of Science, Lister Lecturer.

2004: Princeton University Autism Award: Outstanding investigator.
 2006: BAFTA Award: Nomination for *Mindreading*, 2002 and *The Transporters*.
 2006: Presidents' Award, British Psychological Society.
 2007: President, Psychology Section of the British Association.
 2007: BAFTA Award: Nomination, Best DVD in Children's Learning.
 2009: Fellow, British Academy.
 2009: Fellow, American Psychological Association.
 2001: Lifetime Achievement Award, MENSA.
 2010: Andrew D White Professor-At-Large, Cornell University.
 2012: Doctor of Science, Roehampton University.
 2012: Doctor of Science, Abertay University.
 2013: Kanner-Asperger Medal, German Society for Research into Autism.
 2016-26: National Institute of Health Research Senior Investigator.
 2018: Fellow, Academy of Medical Sciences.
 2018: Fellow, International Society for Autism Research.
 2019: British Psychological Society Cognitive and Developmental Psychology Distinguished Contributions Award.
 2021: Knighthood, New Year's Honours List.
 2022: The Blackham Medal (Humanists UK).
 2023: The Medical Research Council (MRC) Millennium Medal.
 2024: Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.
 2026: Grawemeyer Award in Psychology
 2027: Doctor of Science, King's College London

Contributions to the wider research community

1997-2025+: Founding Director, the Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University.
 2015-18: Chair, Psychology Section (S6) British Academy.
 2010-25+: Trustee, British Friends of Haifa University.
 2013: Chair, Azrieli Foundation and Brain Canada Research Funding Committee.
 2014-16: Vice-President, International Society for Autism Research.
 2017-19: President, International Society for Autism Research.

Contributions to broader society

1999-13: Founding Director, The Cambridge Lifespan Autism Spectrum Service.
 2013-17: Founding Director, The Chitra Sethia Autism Centre, CPFT NHS.
 2000-25+: Vice President, National Autistic Society.
 2008-14: Membership of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Autism.
 2010-12: Chair, NICE Guideline Development Group for Autism (Adults).
 2009-14: Membership of the Autism Programme Board, Dept of Health and Social Care.
 2010-25+: Vice-President, Autism East Anglia.
 2010-2022: Founding Trustee, Autism Research Trust.
 2015-25+: Patron, Blue Smile, Cambridge.
 2017: Judge, Wellcome Trust Book Prize.
 2018-20: Chair of Judges, Spectrum Art Prize (for autistic artists).
 2022-26: Founding Trustee, Autism Centre of Excellence at Cambridge/Autism Action.

Clinical Posts

1985-87: Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Southeast Thames NHS Trust.

- 1999-2018: Consultant Clinical Psychologist, and Director of the Cambridge Lifespan Autism Syndrome Service (CLASS), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT).
- 2000-25+: Consult Clinical Psychologist Expert Witness, Criminal Justice System.

Bibliometrics

H index 243 (Google Scholar). Peer-reviewed articles: 796; Books: 17; Book Chapters: 125. See <https://www.autismresearchcentre.com/research/publications/> Ranked 1st in the world of all autism researchers¹, 1st in Cambridge in Medicine, and in Psychiatry², and 4th in the world of all academic psychologists³.

- Grants** Approximate grant income £40M. Examples of recent grants include
- 2016-19: Templeton World Charity Foundation. Genetics of maths and autism: £2M.
- 2019-24: Wellcome Trust Collaborative Grant, Autism and Health (£3M).
- 2021-24: Simons Foundation (SFARI) () Autism Prenatal Sex Differences (\$6.4M USD).
- 2018-23: EU IMI AIMS-2-TRIALS. PI: D Murphy. Cambridge Package: £3M Euros.
- 2012-20: Autism Research Trust Project Grants (£10M).
- 2023-26: Autism Centre of Excellence at Cambridge, Suicide and Autism (£0.5M).
- 2024-27: Cambridge University Development Office, Autism Diagnosis (£1.5M).
- 2026-36+: K. Lisa Yang Centre for Autism Research at Cambridge (\$28M).
- 2026-28: Eagles Autism Foundation, Autism Prenatal Exposures (\$0.75M)

Invited Keynote Lectures (selected from > 200)

- 2004: Princeton University Autism Meeting Prize Lecture.
- 2005: Darwin Lecture, Cambridge.
- 2009: MIND Institute, Sacramento Distinguished Lecture Series.
- 2014: The Castang Lecture, European Academy of Childhood Disability, Vienna.
- 2013: The Helmholtz Lecture, University of Utrecht (2013).
- 2017: Keynote Lecture, United Nations, Autism Awareness Day, New York.
- 2022: The Albert Neuberger Memorial Lecture, Hebrew University.
- 2023: Karolinska Institutet Psychology Speaker Series, Nobel Forum.
- 2024: The MRC Millennium Medal Lecture, London.
- 2024: The Royal Society Institut Pasteur Lecture, London.
- 2026: The Grawemeyer Psychology Award Lecture, Louisville.

Contributions to the development of individuals: I have supervised 45 PhD and approximately 30 MPhil students (7 ongoing). >17 of them now have faculty positions.

Contributions to science communication: 3 popular science books: *The Essential Difference*, *Zero Degrees of Empathy*, and *The Pattern Seekers*, translated into multiple languages.

¹ https://scholargps.com/highly-ranked-scholars?year=2025&ranking_duration=LIFETIME_ALL&specialty=Autism&p=1

² https://scholargps.com/highly-ranked-scholars?year=2025&ranking_duration=LIFETIME_ALL&field=Medicine&affiliation%5B0%5D=University+of+Cambridge

³ <https://research.com/scientists-rankings/psychology>