

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.
- 2018+: Trinity College, Cambridge, Director of Studies in Psychology and Behavioural Sciences (PBS) Tripos.
- 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.
- 1989-94: New Blood Lecturer, then 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.
- 1994-01: Lecturer, then Reader in Developmental Psychopathology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Cambridge University,
- 1995-07: Teaching Fellow and Director of Studies in Experimental Psychology, Medical and Veterinary Sciences (MVST1B) and Natural Sciences (NST1B) Tripos, 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.
- 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.
- 2002: BAFTA Nomination for *Mindreading: An electronic encyclopaedia of human emotions*, Best Online Learning
- 2006: Presidents' Award, British Psychological Society.
- 2007: President, Psychology Section of the British Association.

2007: BAFTA Nomination for *The Transporters*, 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 (NIHR) 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
 2026+: National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Emeritus Senior Investigator
 2027: Doctor of Science, King's College London

Contributions to the wider research community

1997-26+: Founding Director, the Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University.
 2015-18: Chair, Psychology Section (S6) British Academy.
 2010-26+: 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.
 2026+: Founding Director, K. Lisa Yang Centre for Autism Research at Cambridge

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.
 2000-26+: 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.
 2010-26+: Vice-President, Autism East Anglia.
 2010-22: Founding Trustee, Autism Research Trust.
 2015-26+: Patron, Blue Smile, Cambridge.
 2017: Judge, Wellcome Trust Book Prize.
 2018-20: Chair of Judges, Spectrum Art Prize (for autistic artists).
 2022-25: Founding Trustee, Autism Centre of Excellence at Cambridge/Autism Action.
 2026: Director, K. Lisa Yang Autism Clinical Centre, Cambridge Children's Hospital

Clinical Posts

1985-87: Trainee Clinical Psychologist, Southeast Thames NHS Trust.
 1999-18: Consultant Clinical Psychologist, and Director of the Cambridge Lifespan Autism Syndrome Service (CLASS), CPFT NHS Foundation Trust.

2000-26+: Consultant Clinical Psychologist Expert Witness, Criminal Justice System.

Bibliometrics

H index 248 (Google Scholar). Peer-reviewed articles: 801; 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	Examples of recent grants include
1992-10:	Medical Research Council (MRC) Autism Project and Program Grants (£2M).
2011-15:	Wellcome Trust: Prenatal hormones and brain structure/function (£0.5M).
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).
2023-27:	Autism Action, Autism and Suicide Prevention (£0.5M).
2024-27:	Cambridge University Development Office, Autism Diagnosis (£1.5M).
2026-36+:	K. Lisa Yang Centre for Autism Research at Cambridge (\$33.5M).
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 47 PhD and approximately 30 MPhil students (3 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>