

Research Study on Autism and Video Calling

Have you ever used video conferencing software, like Skype or Google Hangouts? Are you also autistic, have Asperger's Syndrome, or identify as someone on the autism spectrum? Are you 18 or older? If so, we invite you to participate in a study conducted by researchers at Microsoft Research.

The goal of this study is to help us design and evaluate a prototype user experience that equips people on the autism spectrum to more comfortably interact in video conversations. The prototype includes indicators and visualizations of emotional expression and conversational interactions so that participants can be aware of and regulate their appearance in video calls. In this study, participants will engage in video call conversations that are intended to prompt emotional reactions and interactions to exercise the features of the prototype.

For the study, you will meet for one hour and try out a prototype video calling technology and discuss your experiences with one or two researchers. Study sessions will be conducted remotely, online through a web-based video calling prototype. Participants must have Internet and web access using the Chrome browser during the session to conduct the study. The study will be conducted between August - September 2019. You will be given a gratuity of a \$75 gift card.

Please contact John Tang by email (johntang@microsoft.com) if you are interested in participating or learning more about the study.



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