

My name is Kathryn and I am the Lab manager, working under Dr Fang Liu's supervision with the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences at the University of Reading.

We are looking to recruit participants for our ongoing studies at our Congenital Amusia and Autism Spectrum Disorder (CAASD) Lab and for our Musical Assisted Programme (MAP) project. We would be very grateful if you could let people within your organisation know about us and our studies and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

For MAP We are aiming to recruit 24 – 60-month-old children who are minimally verbal (using less than 20 words) or non-verbal with a formal diagnosis of ASD for our new MAP project at the CAASD lab at Reading University. Our new project aims to increase spoken language ability in the children through either music intervention or standard speech and language therapy. This study will involve two 45-minute sessions per week for 18 weeks. Participation will be compensated at £7.50 per hour with travel re-imbusement.

For the CAASD Lab we are looking for participants of all ages, who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and Congenital Amusia. Whilst also looking for participants who haven't been diagnosed with either of these. We have a few different studies investigating varying areas surrounding music and language with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Congenital Amusia (Tone Deafness). Participants can choose which studies they would like to take part in and will be asked to complete a variety of different interesting tasks of depending on the study. All participants will be paid £7.50 per hour and travel will also be reimbursed.

If anyone is interested in participating in our research, please sign up at <https://reading.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/registration-form> or contact us at [caasd.reading@gmail.com](mailto:caasd.reading@gmail.com). You can also visit our lab at <https://sites.google.com/site/caasdproject/home>.

All our studies are conducted in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences at the University of Reading. They have been reviewed by the University Research Ethics Committee and have been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

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