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## Connecting autistic talent to autism-friendly employers

*OAR celebrates launch of updated Hire Autism website*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Organization for Autism Research is excited to announce the launch of a new, expanded Hire Autism website. [Hire Autism](#) is a free program to help autistic job seekers find meaningful employment opportunities and connect with autism-friendly employers.

The new site features more jobs board search filters, a searchable resource library, an events calendar, a user accessibility widget, profile and job board navigation tutorials, personalized job alerts, and improved employer-candidate search capabilities.

Since Hire Autism’s national debut in January 2020, the program has attracted job seekers and employers from across the country. The new site will allow the program to better meet the needs of those within its growing network and move the program closer to realizing its vision of becoming *the* autism employment hub.

“Thanks to the efforts of many people and organizations including OAR in the last five years, businesses are now more open to hiring autistic employees,” said Michael Maloney, OAR executive director. “We expect that Hire Autism and the capabilities of our new website will help open even more doors for our job seekers.”

Job seekers can request free one-on-one virtual assistance with resume and cover letter writing as well as interview preparation through Hire Autism’s volunteer mentoring program, composed of human resources professionals, business executives, therapists, and others. Employers, once their account has been approved, can post an unlimited number of jobs for free and connect directly with job seekers. OAR also offers employers free virtual training when they join Hire Autism.

Community groups, schools, and other organizations can request presentations from Hire Autism staff through the new site. Site visitors can also view upcoming autism or disability-related employment events through the events calendar and even submit their own events for consideration.

Hire Autism welcomes everyone to visit the updated website at [www.hireautism.org](http://www.hireautism.org).

Questions and inquiries can be sent to Amanda Rioux at [arioux@researchautism.org](mailto:arioux@researchautism.org).

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**About OAR:** The [Organization for Autism Research](#)(OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and autistic individuals find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions.

**About Hire Autism:** Hire Autism, OAR’s free employment program, is dedicated to improving employment opportunities for autistic individuals and helping businesses create more inclusive workplaces. The program serves job seekers and employers nationwide.

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