

Question 2 (Biology of ASD) Topics:

Research

- Molecular pathways in autism
- Molecular biology of genetic conditions related to autism (Rett, TSC, Fragile X, etc.)
- Co-occurring conditions
- Development and developmental trajectories
- Immune/metabolic mechanisms in autism
- Sex differences
- Neuroanatomy and circuitry
- Cognitive, sensory, motor systems and functions
- Biology across the lifespan
- Research on biology underlying abilities (vs. exclusive focus on disabilities)

Policy

- Inclusion of people on the autism spectrum in planning and conducting research
- Inclusion of individuals on the high-needs end of the spectrum, minimally verbal
- Research outcome measures, quality of life outcome measures
- Replicability of research
- Other policy and ethics issues related to research?
- Research workforce needs