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Job Title: Research Associate
Institution: Department of Psychiatry
Job No: RN00105
Grade: Research Associate
GBP20,044-GBP30,002

Advert text:

Applications are invited for the position of a two year Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the Autism Research Centre, Department of Psychiatry (<http://www.autismresearchcentre.com>).

The ARC has a particular interest in the neuro-anatomic, genetic, cognitive and endocrine processes that can result in autism and Asperger Syndrome.

The post-holder will work as part of the MRC funded UK A.I.M.S. program. They will be based in Cambridge under the immediate direction of Professor Simon Baron Cohen. Their overall line manager for the project will be based at the Institute of Psychiatry in London (IOP).

As part of the UK A.I.M.S. program the successful applicant will liaise closely with the lead worker at the IOP, and their co-worker in Oxford, to relate cognitive and behavioral differences in people with ASD to genetic and neurobiological measures. The latter will mainly comprise MRI and DT-MRI (to measure, respectively, brain anatomy and connectivity). It is hoped that the successful applicant will also develop functional imaging experiments. The post holder will co-ordinate their research with others across the 3 sites who are collecting clinical and imaging data, ensure data quality and recruitment targets are met, analyze data in collaboration with other centres, and publish papers in peer-reviewed journals in collaboration with other centres. The other centres include the IOP (Professors Murphy, Bolton, and Happe) and the Universities of Oxford (Professor Anthony Bailey) and Cambridge (Professors Ed Bullmore and Simon Baron-Cohen).

The successful applicant should have a PhD in cognitive neuroscience and should have experience in fMRI or sMRI. They should also have an understanding the nature of empathy, either from a genetic, endocrine, neural or cognitive perspective, or any combination of these.

Applications should include a full CV, PD18 and the contact details of two professional referees who can be approached prior to interview. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Jenny Hannah, e-mail: jh373@cam.ac.uk. Completed application packages should be sent Mrs Jenny Hannah, The Autism Research Centre, Douglas House, 18b Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 2AH or e-mailed to jh373@cam.ac.uk

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