

Understanding emotional information processing in bipolar disorder



We are seeking an academically high-performing student with a background in psychology, psychophysiology and/or neuroscience to be involved in a PhD study exploring emotional information processing in individuals with bipolar disorder.

The project will be conducted in the context of a collaboration between the Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre at the University of Melbourne, the Brain and Psychological Sciences Research Centre of Swinburne University and the Monash Alfred Psychiatry Research Centre of Monash University and the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.

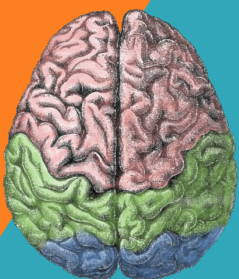
The candidate, supervised by Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen, Dr Vanessa Cropley, Prof Susan Rossell and Prof Christos Pantelis, will be required to contribute to a larger neuroimaging study of severe mental illness that utilises various magnetic resonance imaging and neurophysiological techniques. This will involve assistance with data collection (at Swinburne University), data analysis and manuscript preparation.

The successful candidate will contribute to a project aimed at understanding top-down and bottom-up integration of emotional information in bipolar disorder, and ascertaining the impact that structural brain disturbances have for the coordination of brain function during such information processing.



The successful applicant should have an undergraduate and/or honours degree in a relevant field and have good results (first or upper second class honours or equivalent). Prospective PhD and combined PhD/Masters students are encouraged to apply. Research experience in clinical interviewing, neurocognitive testing and neuroimaging analysis will be looked upon favourably. Students with their own scholarship funding are welcomed and applications can be lodged through either the University of Melbourne or Swinburne University.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact **Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen:**
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Further information about the study and supervisory team can be found here:

<http://cogsgbd.weebly.com/>

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