



## ***Expressions of interest sought for new PhD project***

Clinical trials for mood disorders typically target core symptoms related to depression, mania and/or psychosis. Investigators would also often like to examine the cognitive effects of a given intervention in secondary, tertiary or exploratory analyses, but do not know which cognitive tests to include on the basis of practicality, tolerability and sensitivity to change.

We are conducting research to make the selection easier and more straightforward, using several methods including systematic reviews, meta-analyses and the Delphi technique.

We are seeking an academically minded PhD student to be involved in this project. The student will work alongside Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen (University of Melbourne), Prof Susan Rossell (Swinburne University), Prof Michael Berk (Deakin University) and a host of other internationally recognised senior researchers with expertise in cognition and/or clinical trials for severe mental illness.

The successful applicant should have an undergraduate and/or honours degree in Psychology or a related field and have good results (first or upper second class honours or equivalent). Good communication skills and the ability to work within a team are required. Prospective PhD and combined PhD/Masters students are encouraged to apply. Applications can be lodged through either the University of Melbourne, Deakin University or Swinburne University. Students with their own scholarship funding are welcomed, but scholarship funding may be available depending on the lodgement University.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a brief expression of interest along with a CV and academic transcript to:

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