Understanding cognitive symptoms in bipolar disorder

We are seeking two academically high-performing students to be involved in a new funded study aimed at understanding the cognitive symptoms of bipolar disorder.

The study examines the contribution of a range of biopsychosocial risk factors (e.g. clinical, lifestyle, biological, environmental) to cognitive dysfunction in bipolar disorder. It is conducted in the context of a collaboration between the Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre at the University of Melbourne, and the Centre for Mental Health at Swinburne University.

The candidates, supervised by Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen and Prof Susan Rossell, will have the opportunity to craft PhD projects from within the larger study, and will be required to contribute to data collection (at Swinburne University), data analysis and manuscript preparation.

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). Prospective PhD and combined PhD/Masters students are encouraged to apply. Research experience in clinical interviewing and neurocognitive testing will be looked upon favourably, but are not essential. 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

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