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Exploring Clinical and Neuropsychological Markers in Obsessive Compulsive Disorders: a 2-week ECNP-supported research internship.

The internship will be based in the University of Hertfordshire (UoH), Postgraduate Medical School, Hatfield, UK, which is the academic hub, and in Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT), which provides the clinical setting for the research.

The work will involve a short 2-week 'taster': the intern will participate in ongoing clinical and translational studies investigating mechanisms and treatments for OCD and related disorders. The research includes an investigation of neurocognitive biomarkers as outcome predictors.

The intern will observe the team in all aspects of the studies and will gain research experience in trial design, Good Clinical Practice research governance, recruitment methodology, systematic clinical assessment including training in the use of symptom-based and quality of life rating scales and neurocognitive testing using the computerized Cambridge Automated Neurocognitive Battery (CANTAB).

The intern will not be personally involved in delivering any medical or clinical procedures to study participants and will observe only. He/she will be supervised by Prof NA Fineberg and members of her team. There will be an opportunity for the intern to engage in a piece of original research.

N.B. It is imperative that the intern fulfils specific security checks in order to obtain a 'research passport' prior to arrival in the UK, so as to be able to observe the clinical work without delay. This could take at least 3 months. The applicant is advised to plan well ahead and to contact Prof Fineberg for details of how to obtain the necessary permissions at the earliest opportunity.