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Job Postings and Announcements

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Job Postings

Full-Time Laboratory Technician Texas Christian University - College of Science & Engineering

The [Genetics of Auditory and visual Perception and Plasticity Lab](#) at Texas Christian University, directed by Dr. Tracy Centanni (she/her/hers), is hiring for a full-time Laboratory Technician for 1-year with the possibility of extension.

The GAPP Lab studies the neural and genetic correlates of reading acquisition, risk factors for dyslexia and other communication disorders, and methods for driving neural plasticity. We use a variety of models and techniques to answer our research questions, including both basic science and translational approaches.

The Laboratory Technician will assist the PI on various aspects of ongoing projects including managing participant recruitment, scheduling, and data collection. Primary work will involve projects using high-density EEG. The technician will have the opportunity to learn additional techniques, develop their own projects, attend conferences, and assist with manuscripts. The position is ideal for someone wanting additional research experience before applying to graduate programs or research-related careers.

Qualifications include a BS in Psychology, Neuroscience, or a related field. Previous research experience with EEG is highly desired. Basic coding skills are desired but not required.

Interested individuals should submit a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names/contact information for two references to <https://jobs.tcu.edu/en-us/job/497583/laboratory-technician>. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

As an AA/EEO employer, TCU recruits, hires, and promotes qualified persons in all job classifications without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, genetic information, covered veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. The GAPP lab especially encourages applications from under-represented individuals.



The Basque Center on Cognition Brain and Language (San Sebastián, Basque Country, Spain)

- [Funded Post-Doc Position – Speech and Bilingualism Group](#)
- [Funded Postdoctoral Position - Computational Neuroscience Group](#)
- [Funded Joint Postdoctoral Position - Signal Processing in Neuroimaging group, BCBL and Combinatorial Optimization group, BCAM – Basque Center for Applied Mathematics](#)
- [Funded Joint Postdoctoral Position - Neurobiology of Language Group, BCBL and Combinatorial Optimization group, BCAM – Basque Center for Applied Mathematics](#)
- [Funded PhD Student Position – Speech and Bilingualism Group](#)

- [Funded Joint Predoctoral Position - Neurolinguistics and Aphasia Group, BCBL and Laboratory of Neuroimaging and biomarkers of inflammation, ACHUCARRO-Basque Center for Neuroscience](#)
- [2-year full-time Research Assistant position in the Speech and Bilingualism Group](#)
- [1 part-time Research Assistant position in the Brain Rhythms and Cognition Group](#)



Georgetown University Neuroscience of Language training program

Georgetown University's new Neuroscience of Language T32 training program is seeking two postdoctoral fellows to start in Summer 2022. The Neuroscience of Language program provides training in the brain basis of language, as well as sensory, motor, and cognitive systems as they pertain to language and communication. Georgetown has a number of faculty focused on Neuroscience of Language research, ranging from basic work on auditory or language processing (spoken, signed, and written language) to clinical trials in adults and children with brain injuries affecting language. Interactions with Georgetown's highly regarded Linguistics Department, as well as Children's National Hospital and MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital, provide us with access to additional faculty and research populations and further enrich the training environment.

Individuals with doctoral degrees from any field related to Neuroscience of Language (Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Linguistics, Psychology, Communication Disorders, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Fellows will be supported for two years and will develop an individualized training plan to provide expertise across disciplines important to Neuroscience of Language research. Fellows will take coursework as needed and will participate in a regular journal club and seminar series, clinical experiences, community engagement activities, and professional development activities, in addition to conducting research in the neuroscience of language. The overall goal of the program is to develop well-rounded scientists who have a broad perspective on basic and clinical Neuroscience of Language.

Fellows will work with one or more of the following investigators: Drs. Thomas Coate, Guinevere Eden, Rhonda Friedman, William Gaillard, Anna Greenwald, Xiong Jiang, Elissa Newport, Josef Rauschecker, Max Riesenhuber, Ella Striem-Amit, Ted Supalla, Peter Turkeltaub, and Michael Ullman. Collaborations among our faculty are common and a strength of our program.

Appointments are funded at standard NIH NRSA stipend rates, with an initial one-year term to be renewed for an additional year if fellows meet the program requirements.

U.S. citizens or permanent residents who currently hold a doctoral degree or will have met all doctoral program requirements before **July 1, 2022**, are eligible to apply. Individuals from [groups recognized to be underrepresented in the sciences](#) are encouraged to apply.

Please submit the following application materials via the [application form](#).

- CV
- Personal statement describing career goals, prior research, goals for postdoctoral training, and lab(s) of interest (3 pages)
- Names and contact information for three references
- Writing sample (manuscript or dissertation)

Contact Dr. Peter Turkeltaub (peter.turkeltaub@georgetown.edu) with any questions.



Head of School, Psychology and Neuroscience University of Glasgow

Anderson Quigley is pleased to be working with the University of Glasgow on the appointment of the Head of School, Psychology and Neuroscience.

To download the Job Description and Person Specification, please click [here](#).

How to apply

Anderson Quigley is acting as an advisor to the University. An executive search process is being carried out by Anderson Quigley in addition to the public advertisement.

Should you wish to discuss the role in strict confidence, please contact Imogen Wilde on +44(0)7864 652 633; imogen@andersonquigley.com or Ed Pritchard on +44(0)7980 817 927; ed@andersonquigley.com. The closing date for applications is noon on **Monday 21 March 2022**.

Applications should consist of:

- A full CV.
- A covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) setting out your interest in the role and details of how you match the knowledge and qualifications criteria of the person specification.
- Please include current salary details and the names and addresses of two referees. Referees will not be approached until the final stages and not without prior permission from candidates.
- Please complete the following online [Equal Opportunity Monitoring Form](#).
- Completed applications should be uploaded at <http://www.andersonquigley.com/candidates> using the reference AQ1263



Lecturer in Psychology positions University of Aberdeen

As part of the continued growth of the School of Psychology at the University of Aberdeen, applications are invited for Lecturer in Psychology positions (**up to three posts are available**).

We are seeking candidates who have a track record of outstanding independent research, as evidenced by high-quality publications in leading academic journals, and who have interests which extend the School's existing research strengths.

For further information see <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/research/jobs/PSY047A>. Closing date is the 31st of March.



Postdoctoral Researcher Donders Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging - Radboud University

Postdoctoral Researcher, Connecting Knowledge of the Consortium to International Collaborations

- Employment: 0.8 – 1.0 FTE
- Gross monthly salary: € 3,821 – € 5,230
- Donders Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging
- Required background: PhD

- Application deadline: 7 April 2022
- Apply via the Radboud University job posting: <https://www.ru.nl/english/working-at/vacature/details-vacature/?recid=1185110&pad=%2fenglish&doel=embed&taal=uk>

Human language is the most powerful communication system that evolution has produced. A profound understanding of it is valuable to current societal challenges as it is the basis of cultural and social life. Would you like to contribute to actually using this knowledge in societal solutions? As a postdoctoral researcher, you will connect the expertise of our Language in Interaction consortium to larger (inter)national collaborations aimed at societally relevant applications.

The Language in Interaction research consortium invites applications for a senior postdoctoral position. Work Package 7 connects the expertise of Language in Interaction to societal partners. In this way, research outcomes are translated into applications for society.

This position is meant to identify topics and research lines with the perspective of translation for societal applications. You will perform a thematically orientated literature search geared to identifying translational possibilities within the consortium. Also, you will assist in preparing and writing grant proposals for societal impact programmes in the Netherlands and Europe. Along these lines, you will contribute to using consortium knowledge in societal applications.

You will act in close collaboration with Esther Steenbeek, coordinator of Work Package 7 and Peter Hagoort, programme director of the consortium.

Profile

- You hold a PhD in an area related to the neurobiology of language and/or language sciences.
- You have expertise or an interest in theoretical neuroscience and language.
- You have expertise or an interest in the translation of scientific evidence.
- You have an integrative mindset.
- You are strong in conceptual thinking.
- You have good communication skills.
- You have excellent proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Experience with writing grant proposals would be a plus.

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The Netherlands has an outstanding track record in the language sciences. [The Language in Interaction research consortium](#), sponsored by a large grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO), brings together many of the excellent research groups in the Netherlands with a research programme on the foundations of language.

In addition to excellence in the domain of language and related relevant fields of cognition, our consortium provides state-of-the-art research facilities and has a research team with ample experience in the complex research methods that will be invoked to address the scientific questions at the highest level of methodological sophistication. These include methods from genetics, neuroimaging, computational modelling, and patient-related research. Our consortium realizes both quality and critical mass for studying human language at a scale not easily found anywhere else.

We have identified five Big Questions (BQ) that are central to our understanding of the human language faculty. These questions are interrelated at multiple levels. Teams of researchers will collaborate to collectively address these key questions of our field.

Our five Big Questions are:

BQ1: The nature of the mental lexicon: How to bridge neurobiology and psycholinguistic theory by computational modelling.

BQ2: What are the characteristics and consequences of internal brain organization for language?

BQ3: Creating a shared cognitive space: How is language grounded in and shaped by communicative settings of interacting people?

BQ4: Variability in language processing and in language learning: Why does the ability to learn language change with age? How can we characterize and map individual language skills in relation to the population distribution?
BQ5: How are other cognitive systems shaped by the presence of a language system in humans?

You will be appointed at [the Donders Institute, Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging](#) (Radboud University, Nijmegen). The research is conducted in an international setting at all participating institutions. English is the lingua franca. The institute involved is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building a culturally diverse intellectual community, and as such encourages applications from women and minorities.

Radboud University

We want to get the best out of science, others and ourselves. Why? Because this is what the world around us desperately needs. Leading research and education make an indispensable contribution to a healthy, free world with equal opportunities for all. This is what unites the more than 24,000 students and 5,600 employees at Radboud University. And this requires even more talent, collaboration and lifelong learning. You have a part to play!

We offer

- Employment for 0.8 – 1.0 FTE.
- The gross monthly salary amounts to a minimum of €3,807 and a maximum of €5,211 based on a 38-hour working week, depending on previous education and number of years of relevant work experience ([salary scale 11](#)).
- You will receive 8% holiday allowance and 8.3% end-of-year bonus.
- A fixed-term contract for the maximum duration of 28 months, ending no later than 30 June 2024.
- You will be able to use our [Dual Career and Family Care Services](#). Our Dual Career and Family Care Officer can assist you with family-related support, help your partner or spouse prepare for the local labour market, provide customized support in their search for employment and help your family settle in Nijmegen.
- Working for us means getting extra days off. In case of full-time employment, you can choose [between 29 or 41](#) days of annual leave instead of the legally allotted 20.
- The institute has a number of regulations that make it possible for employees to create a good work-life balance.

Additional employment conditions

Work and science require good employment practices. This is reflected in Radboud University's primary and secondary [employment conditions](#). You can make arrangements for the best possible work-life balance with flexible working hours, various leave arrangements and working from home. You are also able to compose part of your employment conditions yourself, for example, exchange income for extra leave days and receive a reimbursement for your sports subscription. And of course, we offer a good pension plan. You are given plenty of room and responsibility to develop your talents and realise your ambitions. Therefore, we provide various training and development schemes.

Would you like more information?

For questions about the position, please contact Esther Steenbeek, Coordinator of Work Package 7 of Language in Interaction at +31 6 50 01 03 67 or esther.steenbeek@donders.ru.nl.

Practical information and applications

You can apply until 7 April 2022, exclusively using the button below. Kindly address your application to Esther Steenbeek. Please fill in the application form and attach the following documents:

- A letter of motivation.
- Your CV, including a list of publications and the names of at least two people who can provide references.

The first round of interviews will take place on 19 April. If there is a second round, it will

take place on 20 April. You would preferably begin employment as soon as possible.

You can apply via the Radboud University website posting of the vacancy, found here: <https://www.ru.nl/english/working-at/vacature/details-vacature/?recid=1185110&pad=%2fenglish&doel=embed&taal=uk>

Direct link to the application form: <https://www.ru.nl/english/working-at/vacature/online-solliciteren/?tk=uk&recid=1185110>

We can imagine you're curious about our [application procedure](#). It offers a rough outline of what you can expect during the application process, how we handle your personal data and how we deal with internal and external candidates.



Lab Manager – Language & Aging Lab at Penn State

The Department of Psychology at Penn State seeks candidates for a position as a lab manager of the language and aging lab <https://sites.psu.edu/mdiazlab/>. Research in the lab focuses on age-related differences in the human brain, behavior, and language production. Responsibilities include data collection, data coding, data analysis, and general laboratory administration under the direct supervision of Dr. Michele Diaz. The individual in this position will provide support for a wide range of research activities including coordination of lab activities; assisting with collection, processing, and analysis of neuroimaging and behavioral data; and training and supporting undergraduate research assistants.

Typically requires an Associate's degree or higher plus one year of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. A Bachelor's degree, preferably in psychology, biomedical engineering, or a related field preferred. All candidates should have excellent judgment and problem solving abilities, interpersonal communication, and organizational skills, an ability to manage multiple simultaneous projects, attention to detail, knowledge of basic computer technology, and a willingness to learn and develop additional research skills related to data management and analysis. In addition, successful candidates must either have demonstrated a commitment to building an inclusive, equitable, and diverse campus community, or describe one or more ways they would envision doing so, given the opportunity. Experience with programming (R, Praat, unix shell scripting, or other languages), neuroimaging techniques (especially fMRI), psychological research, and statistics software is preferred. Preferred start date is **May 15, 2022**.

This is a limited term appointment funded for one year from the date of hire. Interested candidates can apply online [https://www.myworkday.com/psu/d/inst/15\\$158872/9925\\$77389.html](https://www.myworkday.com/psu/d/inst/15$158872/9925$77389.html) Contact Dr. Michele Diaz mtid143@psu.edu for more details.

Both a cover letter and a resume should be submitted as part of application materials.

This position requires the following clearances in addition to applicable background checks: PA State Police Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance Form, and Federal (FBI) Fingerprint Criminal Background Check.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and sustainability in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity in society and nature, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.

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Employment with the University will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies.

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