

PostDoc Research associate (m/f/x)

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Stellenbeschreibung

Faculty of Psychology:

Chair of Clinical Psychology and Digital Psychotherapy DZPG

In order to fill a **fixed-term position in part-time (29.8725 hours/week = 75%) at the earliest possible date**, we are looking for 1

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Within the framework of the German Centre for Mental Health (DZPG), the Clinical Psychology and Digital Psychotherapy group (<https://fbz-bochum.de/professur-klinische-psychologie-digitale-psychotherapie>) led by Prof. Dr. Mar Rus-Calafell is seeking a highly motivated Postdoctoral Researcher to join an innovative research project investigating worries about harm from others (a key feature of paranoid thinking) in the general population. The project places a strong emphasis on understanding how these experiences emerge, develop over time, and how they may differ across diverse ethnic and cultural groups. This interdisciplinary project aims to uncover psychological, social, and contextual factors contributing to paranoid ideation and to inform the development of sensitive, population-level screening and early intervention strategies. The postdoctoral researcher will contribute to the design and implementation of a longitudinal study, engage with communities to ensure inclusivity and cultural sensitivity, and support the development of digital tools for large-scale assessment and outreach.

Your tasks:

- Coordination and day-to-day management of a DZPG-affiliated research project investigating worries about harm from others (paranoid thinking) in the general population.
- Preparation and implementation of longitudinal data collection, in collaboration with an external Digital Panel partner.
- Organisation and facilitation of a multi-ethnic Lived Experience Advisory Panel to ensure cultural sensitivity and relevance of the research.
- Contribution to statistical analyses of study data, in close collaboration with project partners at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich.

- Active cooperation with other researchers and projects within the Clinical Psychology and Digital Psychotherapy group and the DZPG.
- Support with project-related administrative tasks, including documentation and coordination with external partners.
- Supervision and mentoring of research assistants and doctoral students involved in the project.
- Preparation of scientific reports and peer-reviewed publications.
- Presentation of research findings at national and international conferences and stakeholder meetings.

Anforderungsprofil & Qualifikationen

Your profile:

Requirements:

- A PhD (or near completion of a PhD) in Clinical Psychology is required. Candidates with a background in Developmental Psychology or Neuroscience with strong clinical relevance will also be considered.
- Solid grounding in etiological models of mental health disorders (preferable those related to paranoid thinking, social threat perception, or psychotic-spectrum phenomena).
- Demonstrated experience in empirical research, including a strong publication record in peer-reviewed journals.
- Very good command of both English and German (spoken and written), suitable for both scientific communication and interaction with diverse study populations.
- High level of computer literacy, including proficiency in statistical software (e.g., SPSS, R, or Python).

Desirable:

- Relevant clinical-psychological experience working with individuals with mental health disorders (adults and/or children), ideally with psychosis, supported by advanced or completed training as a psychological psychotherapist or child and adolescent psychotherapist.
- Strong organisational skills, high intrinsic motivation, and the ability to work independently and collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team.

- Excellent communication skills, reliability, and a proactive, solution-oriented approach to research and project coordination.

We are looking for team members who bring enthusiasm, creativity, strong organisational skills, and a sense of commitment to the overarching goals of the study. In return, we offer a dynamic and supportive environment with ample opportunities for professional growth, meaningful contribution, and active involvement in shaping the project.

We offer:

- a team of clinical and research experts, national and international, on assessment and treatment of psychosis and related mental health disorders.
- an excellent environment for high-quality intervention and clinical research (see www.fbz.rub.de).
- a research-strong psychology with intensive cooperation across the various psychological disciplines (the Faculty of Psychology is an internationally oriented and research-based institute with 11 departments, all led by full-professors <http://www.psy.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/>).
- the opportunity for personal development through the active support of further education and training (including training on assessment and treatment of psychotic syndromes)
- a modern and networked collegial team in a family-friendly department and university

Further information:

The position is salaried and based on the collective agreement of the Länder (TV-L). If the personal and collective agreement requirements are met, the employee will receive pay grade E13 TV-L.

Further information can be found at <https://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/> (in German).

The place of work is Ruhr University Bochum.

If the position is funded by third-party funds the employee has no teaching obligation.

Recruitment period, fixed term: Limited to 2 years (potentially extended for 1 year)

Application documents: Please send the usual application documents (cover letter, CV (including scientific publications) research interests and contact details of two references)

German language courses are offered by the University Language Center (ZFA) in the field of German as a Foreign Language (DaF).

<https://www.daf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sbgk/index.html.en>

The Staff Council has the right to participate in all selection interviews. At the request of a candidate (m/f/x), it will ensure its participation in the entire procedure. Please contact wpr@rub.de.

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is one of Germany's leading research universities, addressing the whole range of academic disciplines. A highly dynamic setting enables researchers and students to work across the traditional boundaries of academic subjects and faculties. To create knowledge networks within and beyond the university is Ruhr-Universität Bochum's declared aim.

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum stands for diversity and equal opportunities. For this reason, we favour a working environment composed of heterogeneous teams, and seek to promote the careers of individuals who are underrepresented in our respective professional areas. The Ruhr-Universität Bochum expressly requests job applications from women. In areas in which they are underrepresented they will be given preference in the case of equivalent qualifications with male candidates. Applications from individuals with disabilities are most welcome.

Contact persons for further information:

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Travel costs, accommodation costs and loss of earnings or other application costs for job interviews can unfortunately not be reimbursed.

We look forward to receiving your application via our **online application portal by 2025-09-08**. Please make sure to mention the reference number ANR 4894.

Vorteile für Mitarbeitende

- Vergünstigtes Jobticket
- Arbeitsplatz in lebendiger Metropolregion

Stellenmerkmale

Beschäftigungsart

Wissenschaftliche Stellen

Beschäftigungsumfang

Teilzeit (befristet)

Home Office
Bewerbungslink

Nein


<https://jobs.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/jobposting/9abc9ed329345487da5731a30a41326abe70f3ef?ref=stellenwerk>

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