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## Join the team conducting groundbreaking cognitive neuroscience and imaging research at Western University!

Western ranks as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. From fundamental to applied discovery, its researchers advance knowledge that provides tangible benefits for the economic, social, health and cultural development of citizens in London, in Canada and around the world. While the University has achieved acclaim for research in a full complement of disciplines, it has identified signature areas in which global-scale clusters of research excellence have been established, including Neuroscience/Brain & Mind.

Western University's BrainsCAN initiative recently received a substantial \$66 million investment from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) – the largest research grant in the university's history – providing a significant boost to ongoing research in cognitive neuroscience and imaging at Western.

A major component of BrainsCAN is Elite Core Infrastructure, to provide essential support to our researchers. The BrainsCAN Rodent Cognition Core seeks to facilitate understanding of the circuits and mechanisms underlying cognition. Work carried out in the BrainsCAN Rodent Cognition Core capitalizes on the expertise of a world-leading group of researchers—including Tim Bussey, Lisa Saksida, Marco Prado, Vania Prado and Jane Rylett—to combine neurobiological techniques for manipulating brain circuits with sophisticated analysis of cognition using mainly touchscreen-based assessment systems. To learn more about BrainsCAN, please visit: <http://www.uwo.ca/brainscan/index.html>

**BrainsCAN is seeking an experienced Research Associate, Touchscreen Platforms** to support this ground-breaking research to better understand disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, traumatic brain injury and Schizophrenia.

As the **Research Associate, Touchscreen Platforms**, you will conduct multiple experiments to generate platforms to reveal a reproducible cognitive impairment in rodent models that can be therapeutically remediated. You will explore the potential of a number of such platforms that are amenable to high-throughput, touchscreen-based behavioural screening. You will also participate in touchscreen task development. As the ideal candidate, you will have a PhD in Life Sciences, or equivalent, with a strong background in Psychology, preferably with a specialization in Behavioural Neuroscience or Neurobiology. You will have three (3) years' postdoctoral training including experience in molecular and cellular analysis of brain tissue, behavioural analysis of rodents, experience training students on lab procedures, equipment and safety, experience managing multiple research projects in a highly productive laboratory environment and a strong publication record, including first author publications, in high impact journals in the area of brain function. The preferred candidate should have experience in optogenetics/DREADDs and using touchscreen tests of cognition. This position is a regular full-time, permanent position within the Professional & Managerial Association at Western University. Western offers a comprehensive benefit package including but not limited to extended health, dental, vision and pension. The salary range for this position is \$59,640-\$85,060, depending on the level of experience.

For more information and to apply please visit: <http://www.uwo.ca/hr/working/staff/index.html>

**Interested applicants are asked to apply online to job reference 10446 by midnight on Aug 2, 2017.** Applicants must have fluent written and oral communication skills in English.

The university campus is in London, a thriving city of 400,000 people located midway between Toronto and Detroit. With parks, river valleys, tree-lined streets, and bicycle paths, London is known as the "Forest City" and boasts galleries, theatre, music and sporting events, and many opportunities for outdoor activities.

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Human Resources at [hrhelp@uwo.ca](mailto:hrhelp@uwo.ca) or phone 519-661-2194.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those chosen for an interview will be acknowledged.