

**Research Assistant
Full or Part Time**

Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), located in Sydney Australia, is an international leader in brain and nervous system research. Through laboratory and clinical research its goal is to find the causes of and cures for neurological and psychiatric diseases.

We are looking for a full or part-time Research Assistant to work on a randomised controlled trial of an interactive step training to reduce falls in people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or i-FIMS (intervention to reduce falls in multiple sclerosis). This study is investigating the efficacy of a 6-month home-based step training (performing stepping games on a computerised stepping mat) to improve balance, cognitive skills and prevent falls in people with MS aged 18 or over. The successful applicant will be based in Blackburn at the Nerve Centre, Melbourne, but will be in close communication with Sydney-based Professor Stephen Lord, Dr Phu Hoang and Dr Jasmine Menant. The appointment is for one year with the possibility of continued employment for a second year. Salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Duties include: participant recruitment; assessment of physical and cognitive function (lower limb strength, balance, gait, upper limb dexterity, cognitive function and falls efficacy); data entry; installation (and pick up) of stepping mat equipment in the homes of intervention participants; basic troubleshooting of step mat equipment.

Essential criteria

- Degree in exercise science, exercise physiology, physiotherapy or a related discipline
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail
- Proven ability to work independently
- Valid driver's license and access to a car

Desirable criteria:

- Experience working with people with MS or other motor impairment
- Clinical trial research experience

For further information about the position, please contact Dr Jasmine Menant, j.menant@neura.edu.au
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Please send your CV and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to Dr Jasmine Menant, j.menant@neura.edu.au.