

## PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY

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| <b>INSTITUTION NAME</b>   | British Neuroscience Association   |
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| <b>PLACEMENT LOCATION</b> | University of Bristol /Cardiff University (see other notes)  |
| TELEPHONE                 | (0)7584 016279   |
| WEB ADDRESS               | <a href="http://www.bna.org.uk">www.bna.org.uk</a>   |
| SALARY                    | <b>Unpaid</b>  |
| APPLICATION DEADLINE      | <i>There will be two rounds for selection. If suitable candidates are identified in the first round, then a second round will not be held. Notification to this effect will be posted on the BNA website.</i><br>Deadline for first round = <b>2nd December 2016</b><br>Deadline for second round = <b>17th February 2017.</b> |
| PLACEMENT START DATE      | Between 1st July and 31 October 2017   |
| PLACEMENT DURATION        | 9 months -12 months  |
| ORGANISATION TYPE         | Not-for-profit Professional Society for neuroscience and psychology  |

### ABOUT THE BNA:

The British Neuroscience Association (BNA) is the largest UK organisation representing all aspects of the science of the brain and nervous system, from ion channels to human behaviour, psychology, cognition, and applications in the clinic and beyond. Having been running for over 50 years, and an active member of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies and the Society for Neuroscience, the BNA is the firmly established home of British neuroscience.

The BNA's membership of around 1750 includes people working in neuroscience or related fields at all stages of their career, from undergraduate students to retired members; and, having recently opened an Associate Membership category, now includes those who don't necessarily work in neuroscience but who are still fascinated by the brain.



### **ABOUT THE PLACEMENT:**

The placement student can expect to gain the following skills and experience during the project;

- Data base management and mining
- Project management
- Public engagement of psychology and neuroscience
- Psychology/Neuroscience as a professional/academic career
- Communication skills
- Time management
- Carrying out research projects and producing reports
- Innovative engagement processes

The project will be primarily supervised by the BNA Chief Executive. Ample time will be given to provide information and support for the student, particularly at the start of their placement, to ensure they have a valuable and productive experience in the BNA. Supervision will consist of regular meetings with the BNA CE. In addition, the intern will interact with the BNA Executive Officer as well as other colleagues in the BNA.

This is an excellent opportunity for learning about a career in Academic Administration and Leadership. There is considerable scope for the placement student to generate and trial new approaches. Having the input of a placement student would make a significant difference to the success and impact of the BNA.

### **OTHER NOTES:**

The BNA administrative offices are hosted by both Cardiff University and Bristol University. The current President (Professor John Aggleton) and Chief Executive (Dr Anne Cooke) are at Cardiff (School of Psychology), the President-Elect (Professor Stafford Lightman) is at Bristol University. The student may be primarily based at Cardiff or Bristol.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Please send a CV and covering letter to Dr Anne Cooke ([anne.cooke@bna.org.uk](mailto:anne.cooke@bna.org.uk)).

Application criteria: applicants should be undertaking an undergraduate sandwich course in neuroscience or a related discipline, i.e. one which incorporates a year in a placement position (usually the third year of a four year degree course).