The MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit (CBU) is an internationally renowned research institute of cognitive neuroscience. Onsite facilities include MRI and MEG scanners, a hearing laboratory, and a developmental research centre for children. The CBU currently has 13 research programmes organised within four research areas of attention and cognitive control, hearing and language, memory and perception, and mental health. It is also a stakeholder in a clinical research facility and a new 7T ultra high field MRI scanner, both of which are located nearby at the Addenbrooke’s Biomedical Campus in Cambridge.

We are seeking to appoint two Programme Leader Track scientists to direct their own research programmes. The successful applicants will be early career researchers who have already shown evidence of the ability to lead independent research and have a strong commitment to developing collaborative opportunities within the CBU and the University of Cambridge. The proposed new programmes should be innovative and theory-led, meet international criteria for research quality, and employ the best in contemporary research methods that takes full advantage of the excellent local research infrastructure.

The first programme will add to existing CBU translational research strengths in clinically-relevant areas including (but not restricted to) mental health, neuropsychology, and cognitive developmental disorders. The second programme may fall within any of the broad areas of current CBU research.

Choosing to come to work at the MRC CBSU means that you will have access to a whole host of benefits from a final salary pension scheme, 30 days annual leave entitlement, maternity and paternity leave, flexible working arrangements, childcare vouchers, and additionally a salary sacrifice cycle scheme, as well as access to employee/shopping travel discounts. On site car and bicycle parking is available. We also provide a wide range of training and mentoring opportunities to all our staff.

Our success is dependent on our ability to embrace diversity and draw on the skills, understanding and experience of all our staff. As holders of an Athena SWAN bronze award we are committed to equality and diversity and welcome applications from all sections of the community irrespective of gender, race, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, disability or age. As users of the “Two Ticks” disability symbol we guarantee to interview all applicants with disabilities who meet the minimum essential criteria for the post.

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