



**Genomics of
Brain Disorders**
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African Collaboration for Leadership and Capacity in Neuroscience (ALLIANCE) WORKSHOP

**3-5 May 2022, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences,
Tygerberg Campus, Stellenbosch University**

This 3-day collaborative hybrid workshop seeks to **build a strong collaboration network** of researchers working on the cutting edge of neuroscience by **planting the seeds of inter-institutional collaboration, promoting sharing of data and tools for neuroscientific and neuroinformatics research** and **strongly encouraging teams of early and established researchers to continue collaboration after the workshop.**

We will also discuss ways in which we can build and enhance capacity to conduct effective neuroscience collaborative and cross-institutional research by:

- (i) strengthening networking initiatives
- (ii) optimising skills that are required for effective collaboration; and
- (iii) identifying appropriate collaborative partners.

We invite early-career researchers to participate in our **“Project-in-a-Day”** initiative which will take place on **Day 2**. This will be a team science effort, where inter-institutional teams will pitch an innovative, low-cost but impactful research concept proposal to workshop attendees and an adjudicator panel. To incentivise follow-through of the research, we will award seed funding* of **R75,000 to the group with the winning pitch, and R25,000 to the runner-up.**

Each team should:

1. Comprise early-career researchers and post-docs **from at least 2 South African institutions** with full participation of researchers from other African countries strongly encouraged
2. Present a **competitive, high-impact neuroscience-focused** project
3. Be **facilitated by two senior scientists**, affiliated with African institutions, although the execution and management of the project will be led by the team of early career researchers.

“Project-in-a-Day” applications should contain:

1. Names and affiliations of group members, and their PIs
2. Project title and short abstract (100 words)

Applications should be emailed to smjh@sun.ac.za before the 5 April 2022

**Seed funding can only be disbursed to South African institutions*