

# Paper-In-A-Day

## pre-conference workshop

Cape Town, 28 November 2024



## We invite applications to join the Biological Psychiatry Congress Paper-In-A-Day preconference workshop

### What is Paper-In-A-Day?

**Paper-In-A-Day (PIAD) aims to bring together junior researchers to work together on a defined project that can then be submitted for publication.** The intention is to lay the groundwork for collaborations and teamwork among an upcoming generation of researchers.

### What is the project?

Childhood trauma can negatively impact long-term health and wellbeing, including effects on cognitive function and brain morphology. **The aim of this PIAD workshop is to write an original research paper on childhood trauma, cortical thickness and neurocognitive difficulties in healthy controls.** This secondary analysis will use data collected as part of the *SHARED ROOTS* study, a South African Medical Research Council Flagship Project conducted at Stellenbosch University. The project will be led by Dr Jacqueline Womersley.

### What will be expected of me?

**This activity will include preparatory work in the weeks prior to 28 November, an intensive one-day group meeting, and follow-up work after the meeting.** The data analysis will be completed by Dr Womersley. Participants will focus on the introduction, results and discussion sections of the manuscript. To ensure the success of this PIAD workshop, participants will be asked to commit to:

- attending a virtual meeting to be scheduled approximately 6 weeks before the meeting
- approximately 10 hours of work in preparation for the meeting
- in person attendance of the full workshop on 28 November
- contributing to the writeup and final editing of the manuscript prior to submission
- working with the team to address reviewer comments and revise the manuscript

### Who can apply?

**This PIAD event is aimed at early career researchers or academics.** Senior postgraduate students, junior researchers, individuals within five years of their terminal degree and registrars who provide proof of completion of their MMed dissertation are eligible to apply.

### How do I apply?

Please send your application to Jacqueline Womersley (jsw1@sun.ac.za). Your application should include:

- a short CV (maximum 3 pages), including any manuscripts you may have published
- a description of your research experience and interests and how these may relate to the PIAD project
- a statement confirming your commitment to attend the workshop in person, and to work on the manuscript pre and post the workshop.

**The closing date for applications is 30 August.** A maximum of 8 participants will be selected and the outcome of applications will be communicated within 10 days of the application closing date.

### Is there a fee?

**Successful applicants will need to pay a registration fee of R1000 to cover the costs of hosting the in-person workshop at the Century City Convention Centre.** Morning and afternoon tea, as well as lunch will be provided.