

Research Scientist in Acquired Disorders of Language/Communication
Philadelphia, PA

Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (MRRI) is seeking to fill an opening in Fall '08 or later for an Institute Scientist in the area of acquired disorders of language and/or communication. This is a full-time research position at the equivalent of Assistant or Associate Professor level. The new Institute Scientist will join a productive team of investigators who study cognitive neuroscience, cognitive rehabilitation, and motor control/motor learning. Language and aphasia are particular strengths of MRRI, as represented by the active research program led by Myrna Schwartz and the multi-faceted activities of the MossRehab Aphasia Center, directed by Ruth Fink.

The candidate should have research experience in a topic related to human language and/or communication after CNS damage. While area of specialization is open, preference will be given to investigators who complement our faculty's interest in one or more of the following: models of (re)learning relevant to rehabilitation, techniques for promoting brain plasticity, and model-driven diagnosis and treatment. A large pool of patient volunteers with communication disorders secondary to stroke and TBI is available for subject recruitment. MossRehab, our sister facility and one of the nation's leading rehabilitation hospitals, offers a venue for clinical trials research. Access to fMRI, TMS, ERP, and voxel-based lesion-symptom mapping is available through existing collaborations with the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Functional Neuroimaging.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in a relevant area. Post-doctoral training, evidence of research productivity, and prior grant funding are highly desirable, as salaries and labs at MRRI are largely grant supported. A multi-year start-up package is available to facilitate extramural funding.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, and 3 letters of reference to Kevin Whelihan, Administrator, MRRI, MossRehab @ Elkins Park, 60 E. Township Line Road, 2nd Floor West Building, Elkins Park, PA 19027 or whelihank@einstein.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.