

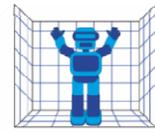


Platforma de Imagistică
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INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR POSTDOCTORAL POSITIONS

I. Call for applications

The Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (Department)/International Institute for the Advanced Studies of Psychotherapy and Applied Mental Health (Institute) of the Babes-Bolyai University (BBU), Cluj-Napoca, Romania, call for application for four one-year postdoctoral positions:

- 1 postdoctoral position for the Matrix Platform (mentor: Professor, Ph.D., Daniel David) (part of the excellence program of BBU)
 - Topic: virtual reality and robotic-based therapy
- 1 postdoctoral position for the Matrix Platform (mentors: Professor, Ph.D., Aurora Szentagotai & Professor, Ph.D., Daniel David) (part of the doctoral school program of BBU)
 - Topic: virtual reality and robotic-based therapy
- 1 postdoctoral position for the SkyRa Platform (mentor: Professor, Ph.D., Daniel David) (part of the strategic research infrastructure of BBU)
 - Topic: clinical cognitive neurosciences
- 1 postdoctoral position for the SkyRa Platform (mentors: Associate professor, Ph.D., Anca Dobrea & Professor, Ph.D., Daniel David) (part of the doctoral school program of BBU)
 - Topic: evidence-based clinical neuropsychological assessment

More administrative info. can be found here:
http://ubbcluj.ro/ro/programe_academice/doctorat/burse_doctorale_postdoctorale. For questions, more info. in English, and preliminary expressions of interest please contact Professor Daniel David at daniel.david@ubbcluj.ro

II. About the Department/Institute

- The Department/Institute is an academic unit of excellence, being selected in the MERIL network including research units “...*recognized as being of the highest standards and relevance to research in Europe...*” (see here: http://portal.meril.eu/converis-esf/publicweb/research_infrastructure/3446).



III. About the mentors

The mentors are top scientists in their field.

- **Professor Daniel David** is a top scientist in the clinical psychology and cognitive-behavioral field (Hirsch index: 13). For more information see <http://www.clinicalpsychology.ro>
 - David, D., Lynn, S. J., & Ellis, A. (eds.) (2010). *Rational and irrational beliefs in human functioning and disturbances; Implication for research, theory, and practice*. New York: Oxford University Press.
 - David, D., & Montgomery, G. H. (2011). The scientific status of psychotherapies: A new evaluative framework for evidence-based psychosocial interventions. *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice*, 18, 89-99.
 - Montgomery, G.M., Hallquist, M.N., Schnur, J.B., David, D., et al (2010). [Mediators of a Brief Hypnosis Intervention to Control Side Effects in Breast Surgery Patients: Response Expectancies and Emotional Distress](#). *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 1, 80-88.
- **Professor Aurora Szentagotai** is a top scientist in clinical cognitive sciences and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapies (CBT), a supervisor in CBT at the Albert Ellis Institute, USA, SUA (Hirsch index: 7). For more information see <http://www.clinicalpsychology.ro>
 - Szentagotai, A., & David, D. (2013). Self-acceptance and happiness. In M. Bernard (Ed). *The strength of self-acceptance*. Springer.
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- **Associate professor Anca Dobrean (Domuta)** is one of the leading scientists in psychological testing in Romania (Hirsch index: 7). She adapted in Romania the major intelligence tests (e.g., Raven' Progressive Matrices, Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children). For more information see <http://www.clinicalpsychology.ro>
 - Dobrean, A., Raven, J., Comşa, M., Rusu, C. (2008). The Romanian Standardisation of the SPM Plus: Sample and General Results. În Raven, J. & Raven, J. (eds). *Uses and abuses of intelligence*, Royal Fireworks Press, Unionville, New York, USA.
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IV. About the academic environment at the Department/Institute

The academic environment in the Department/Institute is based on *Tradition*, *Excellence*, and *Honor*, functioning professionally to generate a competitive academic output, according to the highest international standards of the world-class universities. Please find below testimonials about the academic environment of the Department/Institute from (1) the past (alumni) and/or current external/adjunct members of the Department/Institute and (2) the international collaborators:

FORMER MEMBERS AND/OR CURRENT ADJUNCT RESEARCHER

Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy/The Institute for the Advanced Studies of Psychotherapy and Applied Mental Health at the Babes-Bolyai University has risen in a very short time at the forefront of basic neuroscience and clinical psychology. I believe the quality of people (both professional and support staff), the research infrastructure/logistics, and the academic leadership and environment are outstanding and can rival with any similar groups at the best US and European academic institutions. Combined with the reach cultural life of Cluj-Napoca, the natural surroundings, and the dynamism of the university this is a very attractive mix for any scientist interested in exploring new territories.

Dr. Ovidiu Andronesi, Harvard University, USA; former member of the Department and currently adjunct research fellow of the Institute.

I am currently a Professor of Psychology in the School of Liberal Arts at Berkeley College, New York (www.giosan.com), and I was formerly a faculty in the Psychiatry Department in the Medical School of Cornell University. I started my collaboration with the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy and the Institute for the Advanced Studies of Psychotherapy and Applied Mental Health at the Babes-Bolyai University (BBU) in 2011, after winning a grant for testing an evolutionary add-on to the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression. My experience working with the team at Department/Institute has been overwhelmingly positive. The academic environment in the Department/Institute is very supportive for people aiming to seek excellence. The faculty people are extremely professional and top-notch researchers and they are led by Daniel David, an exceptionally competent researcher, well-known internationally for his clinical research, and a supportive mentor. The staff people at the Department/Institute are always ready to help, both in academic matters as well as in bureaucratic issues (being a known fact that the bureaucratic system in Romania can be heavy and complex). The technological infrastructure of the Institute (consisting of the Matrix Virtual Reality Systems and SkyRa MRI/EEG unit) is absolutely state-of-the-art. I would not hesitate to collaborate again with Department/Institute in further research projects if given the chance.

Dr. Cezar Giosan, City University of New York, USA; currently adjunct research fellow of the Institute.

I first visited the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy and its spin-off Institute at the Babes-Bolyai University (BBU) headed by professor Daniel David in January 2011, for a joint research project on using social robots for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. I was very impressed by the very well equipped research laboratories, including state of the art equipment and the experienced researchers. Their research spans from fundamental research to application driven research. As an engineer seeking interdisciplinary research collaborations, I found in BBU the required expertise and vision on the future of using technology like virtual reality and robotics for mental disorders and mental health. Since then we have an intensive collaboration funded by both national as EU projects on robot enhanced therapy, which is very fruitful regarding joint publications. The list of visiting professors is really impressive, which results in many other collaborations. Moreover visitors are always very open and warm welcomed by the nice Romanian hospitality.

Dr. Bram Vanderborgth, Vrije University, Belgium; currently adjunct research fellow of the Institute.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATORS

I want to congratulate you with the ten-year existence of the Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy School at the Babes-Bolyai University and the 5 year of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy. In this relatively short period of time, you have managed to build up an internationally well-known research group, that meets high standards for scientific work in our field. I think this is a great achievement, and I look forward to collaborating with you in the years to come. I hope you have a great day today and enjoy the pride of this achievement. Congratulations!

Pim Cuijpers, Professor, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Clinical Psychology, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Congratulations on the 10-year anniversary of your reigniting clinical psychology and psychotherapy at the Babes-Bolyai University! The infectious enthusiasm of your faculty and graduate students was evident during my recent visit, and the cutting-edge, high-tech research is putting your group on the global map of our field.

Richard J. McNally, Professor, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Psychology Program, Harvard University, USA.

V. Additional info.:

- About the Department: <http://www.clinicalpsychology.ro>
- About the Institute: <http://www.psychotherapy.ro>
 - About the Journal of the Institute (<http://jebp.psychotherapy.ro>)
 - Abstracted in Web of Science, Scopus, and PsychINFO; Full text in EBSCO and ProQuest
- About the Babes-Bolyai University: <http://www.ubbcluj.ro>