



CALL FOR A 3.5-YEAR RESEARCHER IN AUTISM, ACTE & ULB NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Belgian Language in Autism Cohort

PROJECT – Belgian Language in Autism Cohort, a large multicentric and multilingual longitudinal project on the linguistic trajectories in autism, led by [ACTE](#), at Université libre de Bruxelles, [LAURES](#), at KU Leuven, and [RIDDL](#), at Gent University. We will longitudinally follow language development in a large cohort of young autistic children by collecting and qualitatively analysing day-long audio-recordings. To delineate different language acquisition pathways, non-social and social cognitive skills will be assessed using behavioural, eye-tracking and EEG tasks, along with detailed questionnaires which will target the child's environment and development. This project is funded by an [EOS](#) grant.

JOB DESCRIPTION – The successful candidate will be awarded a 3.5-year research assistant grant at the [ACTE](#) lab and the [ULBabyLab](#) (Center for Research in Cognition & Neurosciences (CRCN)), at the Université libre de Bruxelles. S/he will be responsible for the testing at the French-speaking site and will be supervised by G. Deliëns and A. Destrebecqz. The successful candidate's main tasks will be to co-ordinate the standardized measures of autism severity, IQ and receptive language, along with the administration of all questionnaires.

CANDIDATE – Eligible applicants should hold a master's degree in Psychology or Speech Therapy by August 1st 2022, and have an excellent academic track. They will be native or native-like French speaker. They will be prepared to actively recruit participants, to collect data across Belgium with flexible working hours, to spend time and collaborate with families and children with special needs. Prior experience in autism or other neuro-developmental conditions is particularly appreciated. Driving license and knowledge of Dutch are a plus.

Application – The applications will be assessed on a rolling base until the position is filled, but no later than **August 10, 2022**. The application file should consist in a single pdf document, combining the following:

- A one-page motivation letter;
- The names and the contact details of two referees who can be contacted during the selection process;
- A CV;
- A copy of the relevant diplomas and grade records;
- A recent sample of academic writing in English or in French (e.g., articles or working papers, chapter of Master thesis).

Applications and inquiries about this position should be sent to Gaetane.Deliens@ulb.be and Arnaud.Destrebecqz@ulb.be with the following object: *EOS PhD application – Research Assistant*. We specifically encourage applications from candidates who are neuro-diverse, disabled or come from ethnic groups underrepresented in academia. Ideal start date is October 1, 2022.