

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR A UCLA RESEARCH STUDY



*Disrupted neural synchrony during naturalistic
perception in schizophrenia:
Toward a new biomarker of social dysfunction*



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What is this study about?

We are trying to understand why many people with schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder have few social connections with friends and family. In this study, we will use brain imaging to look for similarities and differences in the way people with a schizophrenia-spectrum disorder and people without such a condition process social information. We will also look for similarities and differences in processing that relate to how socially connected people are, and we will try to develop a composite brain marker related to social disconnection.

Who is eligible?

- Adults (age 25-65) **with a diagnosis** of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, **AND**
- Adults (age 25-65) with **no history** of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or bipolar disorder

What does participation involve?

Over one or two visits to the UCLA Semel Institute, each participant will be asked to complete:

- Screening, setup, & questionnaires (approx. 30 min.)
- Clinical interviews (approx. 3.5 hours)
- Cognitive & decision-making tests (approx. 2 hours)
- An MRI scan (approx. 1.5 hours)
 - During the MRI scan, we will ask you to watch videos and do simple tasks like read brief stories, while we take pictures of your brain

What will participants receive?

Participants will receive \$25/hour for each study visit

How can I find out more?

Please scan the QR code or call:

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