

# Ciarán McGeady

Ph.D. candidate in biomedical engineering

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## research topics

biomedical signal processing  
brain-computer interfaces  
functional electrical stimulation  
rehabilitation  
neurofeedback  
machine learning

## skills

MATLAB, Python  
Brainstorm, EEGLAB, MNE  
LaTeX, R, LabVIEW  
SolidWorks  
PsychoPy  
Arduino  
Git

## hobbies

literature  
cinema  
hiking, traveling  
gym

## interests

My research aims to address clinical problems with engineering techniques. I am interested in the non-invasive recording of brain activity to create rehabilitation strategies and assistive devices for people with neurological impairments.

## education

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| since 2018 | <b>Ph.D. candidate in biomedical engineering</b><br><i>Bimanual BCI strategies for neurorehabilitation</i><br><i>Current study:</i> investigating the neural correlates underpinning unimanual and bi-manual motor imagery from electroencephalography data for multi-class BCI applications<br><i>Supervisors:</i> Dr Aleksandra Vučković & Dr Henrik Gollee<br><i>Research team:</i> Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK         |
| 2013–2018  | <b>M.Eng. with first class honours</b><br>Biomedical Engineering<br>Year Representative 2015–2016<br>School of Engineering excellent student award for 2016, 2017 and 2018   | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK         |
| 2012–2013  | <b>Mechanical engineering</b><br>Finished with a grade A average before transferring to the University of Glasgow  | Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, UK |
| 2006–2012  | <b>Scottish highers and advanced highers</b><br>Specialisation in mathematics and physics  | St Ninian's High School, Giffnock, UK      |

## research experience

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| 2017–2018 | <b>Master's thesis</b><br><i>Aim: determine feasibility of classifying two mental tasks at once with a BCI</i><br>Developed a hybrid brain-computer interface to record, process and classify SSVEP and sensorimotor rhythms, simultaneously, in 10 able-bodied participants.<br><i>Supervisor:</i> Dr Sadasivan Puthusserypady<br><i>Duration:</i> 7 months<br>Led to conference paper (see <i>publications</i> ) | Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Lyngby, Denmark |
| 2016–2016 | <b>NHS internship</b><br><i>Aim: investigate clinical effectiveness of wireless ECG monitoring of newborn infants</i><br>Worked with clinical scientists and medical doctors to collect and analyse ECG data. Collected qualitative data by interviewing ward nurses.<br><i>Supervisor:</i> Dr Neil Patel<br><i>Duration:</i> 4 months   | Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, UK                |

## experience

- since 2019     **Graduate School representative for 2nd year**  
Responsible for communicating graduate student feedback to school administrators on a regular basis. Other responsibilities include organising and playing an active role in campus events.
- 2015-2016     **Engineers without borders**  
Engineering outreach programme: visited schools to encourage science, technology and engineering interest among high school pupils.

## teaching assistant

Demonstrator of undergraduate and postgraduate laboratory sessions. I help prepare these sessions and am involved in grading coursework.

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| since 2018 | <b>Signal Processing of Biosignatures 4</b><br>4th year undergraduate and MSc course<br>16 hours | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK |
| 2018       | <b>Rehabilitation Engineering 4</b><br>4th year undergraduate and MSc course<br>18 hours         | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK |
| since 2018 | <b>Engineering Skills 1</b><br>1st year undergraduate course<br>20 hours                         | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK |
| since 2020 | <b>Mechanical Design 2</b><br>2nd year undergraduate course<br>6 hours                           | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK |

## publications

### articles in peer-reviewed journals

EEG correlates of self-managed neurofeedback treatment of central neuropathic pain in chronic spinal cord injury  
Aleksandra Vuckovic, Manaf Kadum Hussein Altaieb, Matthew Fraser, Ciaran McGeady, and Mariel Purcell  
*Frontiers in neuroscience 13 (2019) p. 762. Frontiers, 2019*

### international peer-reviewed conference proceedings with full papers

A Hybrid MI-SSVEP based Brain Computer Interface for Potential Upper Limb Neurorehabilitation: A Pilot Study  
Ciarán McGeady, Aleksandra Vučković, and Sadasivan Puthusserypady  
*2019 7th International Winter Conference on Brain-Computer Interface (BCI), 2019*

## Awards

- 2020     **Three Minute Thesis Finalist 2020**  
*Presentation title: Listening to Butterflies with Brainwaves*
- 2020     **Mobility Scholarship**

## references

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