

## DFG-IRTG 2150

### „The Neuroscience of Modulating Aggression and Impulsivity in Psychopathology“

#### Agreement of supervision for associated students

Within the framework of a membership in the DFG international research training group (IRTG) 2150 the following agreement is taken between Mr. **Jérémy Lefort-Besnard** (in the following called associated student), and the supervisor **Prof. Dr. Danilo Bzdok**, as well as the speaker **Prof. Dr. Ute Habel**:

During his membership in the IRTG 2150, the associated student writes a doctoral thesis with the working title: **“Data-driven approaches to structure and function in schizophrenia”**.

The date of entry into the IRTG 2150 is **15.04.2016**. The date of completion of the thesis is scheduled for **14.04.2019**.

The supervision agreement does not imply a funding within the framework of the DFG international research training group IRTG 2150. The associated student has no claim for receiving funding or reimbursement by the IRTG 2150 for residence and/or for conference attendance.

**Prof. Dr. Danielle Bassett** provides supervision for the associated student on the American side.



## Guidelines

1. The IRTG 2150 – funded by the German research foundation (DFG) is an educational program for the promotion of young scientists. The aim of the IRTG 2150 is to provide qualified doctoral students with the opportunity to prepare their thesis in a challenging, cooperative research environment. An interdisciplinary focus is mandatory.
2. Scientific independence, i.e., the autonomous planning and realization of the own scientific project, is required within the framework of the agreed-upon topic. The associated student commits to regularly informing the supervisor on partial results and to working in accordance with the rules of good scientific and good clinical practice. In addition to the scientific activities, the associated student agrees to function as a supervisor for e.g. master's students and research interns.
3. Each associated student is supervised by one academic supervisor each in Germany and at PENN. These supervisors must be ones of the participating or associated researchers of the IRTG. A second German participating researcher can be associate supervisor.
4. The dissertation of the associated student shall be jointly planned by the American and German team, so that scientific exchange and the supervision of associated students can be further optimized.
5. The supervisors commit to give expert advice to the associated student, to support his/her scientific independence and to ensure quality through regular progress checks. Together they advise the student, not only by providing guidance and support concerning the associated student's research project, but also with regard to all other aspects that are relevant to academic training. They will evaluate the progress of the ongoing work.
6. Regular meetings between the local supervisor and the associated student have to be arranged at least every three months, in which the associated student has to report on his/her work. Any changes in the schedule of the dissertation project must be documented at these meetings, signed by both supervisors and presented to the speaker Prof. Dr. Ute Habel.  
The aims of these meetings are the mutual updating on the status of current work, the planning of future steps, and additional measures where required (e.g., additional impartment of information, advice, financial resources, contacts, checks).
7. The IRTG offers access to an extensive, structured training program. Active participation in the program (e.g. regular presentation of own work, active participation in workshops and the journal club, organization of the winter schools) is a precondition for the membership in the IRTG. Maximally 10% absence (including illness) from meetings organized by the IRTG is acceptable. All members must take responsibility for the creation and realization of the joint program.


8. The associated student shall be responsible for documenting all activities in the IRTG. He/she reports about:
  - the progress of his/her work (precise documentation in the logbook, possible changes in the working program have to be reported to the scientific coordinator immediately) and
  - the participation at internal and external events.
9. Within the first 3 months, the associated student will complete a two-week internship in one of the participating clinical departments of the University Hospital Aachen, to get a good understanding for the disorder that is relevant for his/her study.
10. After 3 months, the associated student has to present a thesis outline of about 5 pages, which has to be approved by both supervisors (German and American).
11. Every 4 months, the logbook is checked for regular and active participation at the meetings organized by the IRTG. The associated student is responsible for the certification of his/her attendance and active participation at the meetings.
12. The associated student has to register at the Centre of Doctoral Studies of the RWTH Aachen University.
13. The graduate program of the German Research Foundation has to be acknowledged in publications emerging from the graduate program.
14. Associated students can apply for reimbursement of costs for conferences and workshops but have to point out the special relevance to the IRTG. The associated student is asked to keep travelling cost at a low level. Before completing (flight) bookings the associated student has to contact the coordinating team of the IRTG to verify reimbursement of travelling costs.
15. Upon successful completion of the membership time, a certificate will be issued for the associated student, which will be signed by the speaker and the individual supervisors.
16. The associated student agrees to the publication of his/her name, a scientific CV and further data as member of the IRTG 2150.




By signing this agreement, the associated student and supervisors declare that the acceptance of the above mentioned guidelines is mandatory for participation in the research training group IRTG 2150.

In case of continued violations of these guidelines, the board reserves the right – after one written formal reprimand – to re-evaluate the membership of the person concerned and to cancel it one month after that at the earliest. The supervisors and the speaker on their part commit to follow the guidelines.

Aachen, 01.05.2016



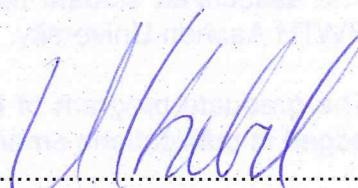
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