



NeuroSpin is an outstanding research center on the **Human brain**. Part of the CEA (Atomic Energy Commission) and Paris-Saclay University, the NeuroSpin teams are leaders in very high field MRI and carry out studies in **fundamental and clinical neurosciences**. The **BrainOmics** team works in **imaging-genetics**, at the crossroad where **neuroinformatics**, **bioinformatics** and **machine learning** meet, and in collaboration with Gustave Roussy and ICM-La Pitié-Salpêtrière.

Deep learning for genotype-phenotype association studies

In the BrainOmics team at Neurospin, the trainee will work on the implementation of different deep neural networks to extend the classical methods in the genotype-phenotype association studies (GWAS). We intend to use genotyping data to design neural networks that will learn the genome structure or learn regulatory pattern, while predicting a phenotype.

This work will be applied to the imaging-genetics UK Biobank cohorts (genetics for 500,000 subjects, MRI for 25,000 and WES for 50,000 subjects - ongoing access #25251). More specifically, the link between brain sulci morphometry (the phenotype) and the biological pathways/genes/SNPs will be studied.

Trainee's Activities

- From existing helper functions, the trainee will prepare training/validation/test data at the scale of the UK Biobank cohort. He/she will quality-controls the data obtained.
- Build, train various neural networks, and study the impact of the training strategies as well as optimization functions.
- Applications in neurosciences: contributions to the study of the genetic architecture of the brain cortical folding.

Benefits of the training

The proposed training introduces to the research job in Data Science. The work will be applied to an exceptional world-class resource in imaging-genetics: UK-BioBank. It offers the opportunity to investigate original and new uses of deep learning for genome wide association studies.

Searched profile: Engineering School, Master in Data Science. Fluent in English.

Job-related skills

- Knowledge in optimization, statistics or applied mathematics
- Strong programming skills : Python, R, Deep learning frameworks
- Curiosity, taste for multi-disciplinary environment and for innovation.
- Good communication skills, good personal relationship skills.
- Knowledge in biomedical image analysis and/or genetics is an asset

Behavioral skills

Good team player, strong motivation, rigor, autonomy and resourcefulness.

Training duration: 6 months, starting from february, 2019.

Location: NeuroSpin-CEA, Plateau de Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette.

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