

Camilla Nord

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Winner of the BAP Public Communication Prize

Dr Camilla Nord was awarded the BAP's Senior Public Communication Prize in 2019. Camilla is an Investigator Scientist at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge, working under the mentorship of Professor Tim Dalgleish. Her research aims to elucidate the neural basis of psychiatric disorders, with the ultimate goal of improving treatment (psychological, pharmacological, and brain stimulation) for mental health disorders



Camilla read Physiology, Psychology, and Philosophy at Magdalen College, Oxford, before completing an MSc and PhD in Neuroscience at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London (UCL), under the supervision of Professor Jonathan Roiser. During her PhD, she investigated the role of the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex in major depressive disorder using non-invasive brain stimulation and functional magnetic resonance imaging. Camilla has published widely, and has received a number of early-career prizes for her research, including the Predoctoral Fellowship Award from the Society for Biological Psychiatry and the Young Investigator Award from Brainbox Initiative.

Camilla has a particular interest in disseminating scientific research to the public, and fostering understanding about neuroscience and psychiatry. Her primary aim in this endeavour is to contribute towards a reconceptualization of mental distress as a biological, measurable phenomenon. This work has included public lectures for the British Science Association ("What is the future of depression diagnosis?"), UCL's 'Mind the Brain' public symposium ("Why psychiatry needs neuroscience"), and the Kensington & Chelsea Science Festival ("What does it mean to be normal?"), as well as several public talks on diversity in science representation. She has appeared on a number of media outlets, including Sky News, New Scientist, the New Statesman, and a recent BBC radio interview for the Naked Scientist.