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1. Are you worried or anxious?

Would you like to help anxiety research? +We are looking for healthy volunteers aged 18-50 years to take part in a study investigating how a single dose of the medication losartan affects learning and information processing, using simple computer tasks and EEG. You will be **reimbursed 30 £** for your time. The study involves two appointments of about **2 hours in total**.

Losartan is currently used to treat high blood pressure. However, we think that it may also enhance the effectiveness of psychological therapies such as Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy.

For more information, please contact us ([01865 223627](tel:01865223627)/ oxited.group@psych.ox.ac.uk).

2. Psychology study: Effects of rewards and mild electric shocks on speed and accuracy

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study investigating how different motivators effect speed and accuracy.

The study involves completing a computer task that assesses your speed and accuracy and it may involve mildly painful electric shocks. It lasts half an hour for which you will be compensated **£5**. Additionally, you will be included in a **£50, £30** and **£20** prize draw.



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To take part, you must be in good health, aged **18-35**, and fluent in English. Because of the nature of the experiment, people with neurological or psychiatric history, including depression or anxiety (past or present) will NOT be able to take part.

If you would like to participate in this study or have any questions, please respond to luka.katie@psy.ox.ac.uk

The study will take place at the:

*Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford
9 South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3UD*

Thank you for your interest!

3. Want a chance to win a £25 shopping voucher and help research into food shopping habits?

We are currently looking for participants to take part in a UK Virtual Supermarket Study! The study involves doing two shopping tasks in a computer game supermarket, and being asked some questions about your household and typical shopping habits. Once you've completed the study, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win £25 shopping vouchers. If you are interested, go to virtualsupermarket.dph.ox.ac.uk or send an email to anja.mizdrak@dph.ox.ac.uk.

4. Brain plasticity study

We are looking for volunteers for a study on brain plasticity using non-invasive brain stimulation techniques (Transcranial Direct Current and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, TDCS). Each experiment will involve undergoing a type of learning called prism adaptation.

The research will also involve brain scanning.

We need **MALE** volunteers between **18 and 80 years** of age, in good health and without a history of epilepsy or any other disease affecting the brain or spinal cord. If you have a metallic implant, cardiac pacemaker or suffer from claustrophobia you should not volunteer.

Participants **will receive £10/hour** compensation for their time (usually **at least £80** in total).



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If you are interested or would like to hear more about this project, please don't hesitate to contact me at:

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5. Psychology Study

I am currently looking for participants, aged 18-35, for an exciting study taking place at the Department of Experimental Psychology. The study involves completing a simple computer-based task and a set of questionnaires and will take approximately 2 hours in total.

Participants will be paid **£8/hour** and will be reimbursed for any travel expenses.

If you are interested in participating, please contact:

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