

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

NAMI is committed to ensuring that the most effective treatments for mental illness are available to those who need them. Determining which treatments are most effective requires research.

When NAMI learns of new studies by physicians and other scientists involving new treatment methods, such as psychotherapies, medications, methods of medication delivery, etc. we become excited. That excitement comes from knowing that scientists continue to learn more about mental illness and look for ways to improve the lives of those affected by it. When NAMI is approached to be involved in research of any type, at any level, we take it very seriously. NAMI's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ken Duckworth and National Director of Research and Quality Assurance Dr. Teri Brister thoroughly review the research protocols and methodology and the documentation that the study has been approved an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to assure the safety of those involved.

NAMI does not accept financial compensation for recruiting clinical trial participants. NAMI also does not endorse any products or treatments. We share these research opportunity notices with you, our field leaders, to distribute at your discretion if you believe that members of your community may be interested in participating in these trials.

If you have questions about research at NAMI, please visit [NAMI.org/research](https://www.nami.org/research) or email us at research@nami.org.

WHAT IS THE STUDY?

This study is for adults with schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder. The goal of this study is to better understand the relationship between social interaction and brain activity, mood, and thinking patterns. Participation includes two visits to the study site, completing computer tasks, responding to questions about mood/mental health, and undergoing an fMRI scan. Participants will be compensated up to \$90.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Individuals may be eligible for this study if they:

- Are 18 to 65 years old
- Have a diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or a mood disorder with psychotic features

Additional inclusion/exclusion criteria may apply.

The researchers are seeking 40 participants with a psychosis spectrum disorder for this study and 80 participants overall.

WHERE IS THE STUDY TAKING PLACE?

This study takes place in-person at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

The attached documents have additional information about the study. If you have questions or would like more information, please email buamplab@gmail.com or call 617-358-2889.