

**PhD project 5: Pure autonomic failure: predictors of phenoconversion to Lewy body disorders and multiple system atrophy**

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Thesis description: the project will focus on the deep clinical, imaging and biomarker phenotyping of people diagnosed with pure autonomic failure, who will be followed-up over 24 months for phenoconversion to multiple system atrophy or any Lewy body disorder. The objective of the study is to identify disease-specific markers of early phenoconversion. The tasks of the applicants will be to assist in the coordination and execution of the study visits, analysis of data and dissemination of the results. Applicants will also have the opportunity to get involved in other ongoing activities of the Innsbruck Dysautonomia Center.

What to expect:

- Individualized training in autonomic neuroscience, movement disorders, project management, effective speaking and scientific writing
  - Lead authorship of the thesis-project publication
  - Presentation of the thesis work at national and international congresses
  - Involvement in the international autonomic and movement disorders research network.
  - Possibility of stay-abroad periods for project purposes.
- Requirements for project 5:
- Medical degree
  - Proficiency in English and German (B2 level or higher)
  - Interest in autonomic neuroscience and movement disorders
  - Management, team- and networking skills