

# ELIZABETH YORK

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** Jan '22 - present

Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh

- develop/apply quantitative microstructural MRI analysis methods in multiple sclerosis cohorts
- application of ultra-high field MRI in multiple sclerosis
- multivariate statistical analyses inc. MRI, blood biomarkers, cognitive and clinical indices of disability
- report and disseminate results at conferences and as published literature

## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical Brain Sciences** Sept '17 – Dec '21 (awarded March '22)

Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Thesis: Magnetisation transfer imaging biomarkers of demyelination in multiple sclerosis (primary supervisor: Professor Adam Waldman; secondary supervisor: Professor David Hunt)

**Dual Master of Science (MSc) in Brain and Mind Sciences** Sept '15 – Aug '17

Year 1: University College London

Dissertation with merit: Brain Abnormalities in Congenital Hypothyroidism: a Resting-State fMRI & Voxel-Based Morphometry Study' (supervisors: Professor Chris Clark and Dr Hannah Cooper)

- Introductory Science and Methods
- Foundational Neuroanatomy, Systems and Disease
- Pathology and Diagnostic Neuroimaging
- Imaging Modalities
- Disease of the Nervous System: Epilepsy, Tumours, Pain and Infection
- Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Disease

Year 2: Sorbonne University (UPMC) & École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

Dissertation with 'mention assez bien': Cerebral Bases of Visual Processing and Spatial Cognition in Normal Ageing: a Resting-State fMRI Study (supervisors: Dr Angelo Arleo and Dr Stephen Ramanoël)

- Physiology of the Neuron
- Neuroscience of Consciousness
- Systems Neuroscience
- Neurobiology of Psychiatric Disorders

**Bachelor of Arts (MA) in Psychology and French (with ERASMUS year abroad)** with upper second class honours Sept '10 – Sept '15

University of Glasgow

Dissertation: 'Click and it's gone! The questionable existence of an impairment effect on memory from taking photographs and the influence of expectation' (supervisor: Professor Frank E Pollick)

Key modules include:

- Statistics
- Individual Differences
- Physiological Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Professional Skills.
- Cognitive Psychology
- Human Development

## LAB PLACEMENTS AND EXCHANGES

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**Microstructural MRI SINAPSE exchange visit (Prof Derek Jones)** Nov, Dec '22 (2 weeks)  
Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC)

**Placement in Aging in Vision and Action Lab (Dr Angelo Arleo)** Jan – Apr '17  
Institut de la Vision, CNRS–INSERM–UPMC, Paris

**Placement in Developmental Imaging & Biophysics Lab (Prof Chris Clark)** Jan – May '16  
UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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RS MacDonald Seedcorn Fund (£10,000) with matched funding from the Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE) QEUH and Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic	July '23
SINAPSE Early Career Researcher Exchange Fund (£2450)	Oct '22
CSO Scottish PhD Research & Innovation Network Traineeships in MND/MS	Sept '17 – Dec '21
ISMRRM Education Stipend (travel grant)	2019, 2020, 2022
Guarantors of Brain Travel Grant	2020
BICISMRRM Student Stipend	2020

## SUPERVISION AND TEACHING

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◦ Co-supervision of Wellcome Trust PhD student rotation project	2024
◦ Supervision of final-year BSc student project	2023
◦ Co-supervision of Wellcome Trust PhD student rotation project	2023
◦ Co-supervision of intercalating medical student project	2021
◦ Training of BSc and PhD students and research assistants	<i>Ad hoc</i>
◦ Contributing teaching lectures to online MSc course	<i>Ad hoc</i>

## PUBLICATIONS (in date order, \*joint first author)

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Meijboom, R, Foley, P, MacDougall, N, Mina, Y, **York, EN** et al. (2024) Fatigue in early multiple sclerosis ; MRI metrics of neuroinflammation, relapse and neurodegeneration. *Brain Communications*, fcae278. <https://doi.org/10.1093/braincomms/fcae278>

Kampaite, A, Gustafsson, R, **York, EN** et al. (2024) Brain connectivity changes underlying depression and fatigue in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: a systematic review. *Plos one*, 19(3), e0299634. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.12.07.22283104>

Harper, J, \* **York, EN\*** et al. (2023) Quantitative T1 brain mapping in early relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: longitudinal changes, lesion heterogeneity and disability. *European Radiology*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00330-023-10351-6>

Blesa Cábez, M, Vaher, K, **York, EN** et al. (2023) Characterisation of the neonatal brain using myelin-sensitive magnetisation transfer imaging. *Imaging Neuroscience*, 1: 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.02.01.23285326>

Meijboom, R, **York, EN** et al. (2023) Patterns of brain atrophy in recently-diagnosed relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis. *Plos one*, 18(7), e0288967. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0288967>

**York, EN** et al. (2022) Longitudinal microstructural MRI markers of demyelination and neurodegeneration in early relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: Magnetisation transfer, water diffusion and g-ratio. *NeuroImage Clinical*. 36:103228. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nicl.2022.103228>

**York, EN** et al. (2022) Quantitative magnetization transfer imaging in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Brain Communications*, 4(2), fcac088. <https://doi.org/10.1093/braincomms/fcac088>

Meijboom, R, Wiseman, SJ, **York, EN** et al. (2022) Rationale and design of the brain magnetic resonance imaging protocol for FutureMS: a longitudinal multi-centre study of newly diagnosed patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis in Scotland. *Wellcome Open Res.*, 7:94. <https://doi.org/10.12688/wellcomeopenres.17731.1>

Kearns, PKA, Martin, SJ, Chang, YT, Meijboom, R, **York, EN** et al. (2022) FutureMS cohort profile: a Scottish multicentre inception cohort study of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis. *BMJ Open*, 12:e058506. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2021-058506>

**York, EN\***, Martin, SJ\* et al. (2021) MRI-derived g-ratio and lesion severity in newly diagnosed multiple sclerosis. *Brain Communications*, 3(4), fcab249. <https://doi.org/10.1093/braincomms/fcab249>

Ng Kee Kwong, KC, Mollison, D, Meijboom, R, **York, EN** et al. (2021) Rim lesions are demonstrated in early relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis using 3 T-based susceptibility-weighted imaging in a multi-institutional setting. *Neuroradiology*, 64(1):109-117. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00234-021-02768-x>

Ng Kee Kwong, KC, Mollison, D, Meijboom, R, **York, EN** et al. (2021). The prevalence of paramagnetic rim lesions in multiple sclerosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Plos one*, 16(9), e0256845. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0256845>

Ramanoël, S, **York, E** et al. (2019) Age-related differences in functional and structural connectivity in the spatial navigation brain network. *Frontiers in neural circuits*, 13, 69. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fncir.2019.00069>

Ramanoël, S, **York, E** and Habas, C, (2018) Participation of the caudal cerebellar lobule IX to the dorsal attentional network. *Cerebellum & ataxias*, 5(1), 1-5. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40673-018-0088-8>

## CONFERENCES, TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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<b>ECTRIMS Conference 2024</b> , Copenhagen, poster	2024
<b>MS Frontiers Conference and Early Career Researcher Afternoon</b> , Liverpool, attended	2024
<b>SINAPSE ASM 2024</b> , Stirling, attended	2024
<b>ISMRM &amp; ISMRT Annual Meeting &amp; Exhibition</b> , Singapore, poster	2024
<b>British Society of Neuroradiologists Annual Meeting</b> , Edinburgh, presentation and poster	2023
<b>Northern Connections in MS Meeting 2023</b> , Edinburgh, attended	2023
<b>Edinburgh-Cambridge MS Society Research Symposium</b> , Edinburgh, presentation	2023
<b>SINAPSE ASM 2022</b> , Glasgow, presentation ( <i>awarded best speaker in category</i> )	2022
<b>Microstructure Imaging meets Machine Learning</b> , post-ISMRM workshop, London, attended	2022
<b>Joint Annual Meeting ISMRM-ESMRMB &amp; ISMRT</b> , London, three posters	2022
<b>Northern Connections in MS Conference 2021</b> , Edinburgh, attended	2021
<b>ISMRM &amp; SMRT Virtual Conference &amp; Exhibition</b> , Virtual, poster	2020
<b>ESMRMB 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting</b> , Rotterdam, lightning talk and poster	2019
<b>BICISMRM Annual Meeting</b> , Sheffield, presentation	2019
<b>4th MS Society Edinburgh Centre for MS Research Meeting</b> , Edinburgh, invited talk	2019
<b>Northern Connections in MS Conference 2019</b> , Edinburgh, attended	2019
<b>ISMRM 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting &amp; Exhibition</b> , Montréal, poster	2019
<b>Edinburgh Imaging Conference</b> , Edinburgh, poster	2017
<b>Neuroscience Workshop Saclay: Neural Circuits and Behavior</b> , Paris, poster	2017
<b>British Psychological Society Undergraduate Conference</b> , Glasgow, presentation	2015

## SOFTWARE

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**York, EN**, Thrippleton, MJ, Waldman, A (2020) Magnetisation transfer saturation (MTsat) processing, [software]. University of Edinburgh. Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences. <https://doi.org/10.7488/ds/2965>.

## OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS

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**Computing** R; MATLAB; Linux; LaTeX; FSL, SPM12; MS Office; Mac OSX.

**Languages** English (native); French (fluent); Spanish (basics); Italian (basics).

Courses

Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (Aug '23); Informed Consent in Clinical Practice (Nov '23)