

# George Elliot

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT



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### PROFILE

Psychology graduate from the University of Glasgow with hands on research experience at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit and the Glasgow Social Cognition Lab. Recruited 85 participants, conducted 60 semi-structured interviews, and administered 140 cognitive assessments. Proficient in SPSS, R, and NVivo. Co-author on a BPS conference poster and contributor to a paper under review in Cognition.

### EXPERIENCE

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

**Summer Research Placement**, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, Cambridge

10 week placement in the Attention and Cognitive Control group, supporting a study on inhibitory control in older adults.

- Recruited and tested **45 participants** aged 65 to 85, administering a battery of 6 cognitive assessments per participant
- Cleaned and coded behavioural data from **270 experimental sessions** using R and Excel
- Ran preliminary mixed ANOVA analyses in SPSS on reaction time data across **3 experimental conditions**
- Contributed to a manuscript currently under review in **Cognition**

Oct 2023 – Jun 2025

**Research Volunteer**, University of Glasgow, Social Cognition Lab, Glasgow

Assisted Dr. Fiona Campbell's research group studying social perception and prejudice reduction.

- Recruited **85 participants** through the SONA system and managed scheduling for 2 concurrent studies
- Conducted **60 semi-structured interviews** on attitudes towards immigration, each lasting 30 to 45 minutes
- Transcribed and coded **40 interviews** using thematic analysis in NVivo, identifying 6 major themes
- Contributed to 2 ethics applications submitted to the university research ethics committee

### EDUCATION

Sep 2022 – Jun 2025

**BSc (Hons) in Psychology**, University of Glasgow, Glasgow

First Class Honours. BPS accredited programme. Modules include cognitive psychology, social psychology, research methods, advanced statistics, and developmental psychology. Dissertation on the role of cognitive load in implicit racial bias.

### SKILLS

SPSS (ANOVA, regression, factor analysis) • R (tidyverse, lme4, psych package) • NVivo (thematic analysis, coding) • Qualtrics & Gorilla (online experiments) • Semi-Structured Interviewing • Cognitive Assessment Administration • Participant Recruitment (SONA, Prolific) • Research Ethics Applications (BPS guidelines) • Microsoft Excel (data cleaning, pivot tables) • G\*Power (power analysis)

### CERTIFICATIONS

Jun 2025

**BPS Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC)**, British Psychological Society

Jun 2024 – Jun 2027

**Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training**, NIHR

### LANGUAGES

English (native)

### PROJECTS

Oct 2024 – Apr 2025

**Dissertation: Cognitive Load and Implicit Racial Bias in Decision Making**

Investigated whether increased cognitive load amplifies implicit racial bias in a simulated hiring task.

- Recruited **120 participants** through Prolific and administered an IAT alongside a dual-task paradigm
- Found a **statistically significant interaction** between cognitive load condition and IAT score on hiring decisions ( $p = 0.008$ ,  $d = 0.42$ )
- Co-presented findings with supervisor as a poster at the **BPS Annual Conference 2025**

### REFERENCES

Dr. Fiona Campbell

Senior Lecturer in Social Psychology, University of Glasgow, [f.campbell@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:f.campbell@glasgow.ac.uk), +44 7700 900 342

Dr. Neil Burgess

Programme Leader, Attention and Cognitive Control, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, [neil.burgess@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk](mailto:neil.burgess@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk), +44 7700 900 518

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

*Sep 2023 – Jun 2025*

### **Volunteer Helpline Counsellor, Samaritans Glasgow**

Completed 180 hours of active listening training and took 4 helpline shifts per month. Supported an average of 6 callers per shift.