

Junior Faculty Positions (Instructor) – Advanced MRI for Human Data Acquisition and Processing

The Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) Citigroup Biomedical Imaging Center (CBIC) provides state-of-the-art imaging instruments, including MRI, PET, SPECT, CT, Ultrasound, and optical imaging and endoscopy. MRI/MRS: We possess two 3.0 Tesla systems for whole body human and large animal studies (GE Discovery 750 3.0 Tesla, Siemens PRISMA Fit 3.0 Tesla), Bruker BioSpec 70/30 7.0 Tesla / 30 cm bore for pre-clinical studies, and a small bore 1.0 Tesla ASPECT M3 system for small animal studies. Additionally, a 7T human MRI scanner is forthcoming.

The Weill Cornell Medicine Department of Radiology seeks junior faculty members. Join Dr. Hui Han's interdisciplinary program focusing on a rapidly evolving MRI field. This role centers on human data collection and processing and publication using innovative Unified Shim-RF MR coil platform and advanced MRI sequences. Acquired data will publish insights in diverse imaging applications across human organs. These new-generation MR coils open up unprecedented avenues for data acquisition, processing, and the exploration of novel reconstruction methods.

This role will work collaboratively with the MR Hardware team led by Dr. Hui Han, known as the developer of “iPRES” MR coils, an impactful technology that integrates B₀ shimming and RF detection within a single array coil. The team's focus revolves around the validation on human volunteers with different organs, advancing RF-shim technology in both hardware and software, exploring innovative software development in sequences and reconstruction methods that leverage the unique capabilities of the shim-RF coil platform, and developing its clinical applications throughout the human body.

Desirable qualifications and skills:

- PhD training within a sub-area of MRI.
- Encouragement for **outstanding fresh PhD graduates** with a strong publication record to apply.
- Proficiency in hands-on scanner experience for human data collection.
- A strong background in MRI physics is advantageous.
- Experience with MRI data collection at 3T or 1.5T, preferably within human body and brain imaging (e.g., brain, spinal, heart, liver, prostate, pelvic, breast, etc.).
- The candidate will have the opportunity to conduct research on the upcoming **7T** human scanner.
- Desirable expertise in utilizing advanced MRI sequences (e.g., DWI, DTI, MRS, SSFP, Relaxometry mapping, CEST, etc.).
- The role will lead data acquisition and processing using advanced MRI sequences involving both healthy volunteers and patients, validating new technology, developing shim software, and advancing clinical applications throughout the human body.
- Additionally, the position will explore innovative software development in sequences and reconstruction methods that exploit the unique capabilities of the shim-RF coil platform.
- Assist in supervision of lab trainees.

Essential to the role is hands-on experience in acquiring and processing human MRI data. Additional valued skills may encompass image reconstruction, a solid understanding of MRI physics, and pulse sequence development. The candidate should possess a **strong motivation for publication**, with a proven track record. Prior hardware development experience is **not required**.

The position will concentrate on enhancing image quality and precision throughout the human body, employing **advanced MRI techniques** like diffusion, spectroscopic, susceptibility, and functional imaging. Application of these techniques to diverse clinical areas including oncology, neuroscience, and cardiology will also be a focus. These advanced techniques yield insights beyond macroscopic morphology, revealing tissue microstructure, metabolism, and function, providing unique data associated with various pathological conditions. The candidate will benefit from being part of a globally leading group consisting of clinicians, MR physicists, and engineers specializing in clinical imaging, pulse sequence development, image reconstruction, motion correction, and artificial intelligence.

The projects are generously funded by the NIH through collaborative efforts with internationally renowned scientists. Ongoing projects have garnered significant support and anticipation from major MRI vendors, as they address significant limitations in high-field MRI scanners, thereby advancing the field. The program PI currently serves as the Chair of the ISMRM MR Engineering Study Group, as well as the President of the Overseas Chinese Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (OCSMRM), the largest society for researchers of Chinese origin in the field of magnetic resonance in medicine.

Depending on the candidate's qualifications, a competitive compensation package will be offered. The research area holds a wealth of new research avenues. Enthusiastic PhD graduates interested in exploring this novel area are strongly encouraged to apply. **The position is expected to offer opportunities for career growth.** Salary Range (annually) based on experience:

-Instructor: \$72,453 - \$109,829

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Interested applicants, please contact Dr. Han with including a resume and a brief description of interest:

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