

Rohit Menon is a senior postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Behavioral and Molecular Neurobiology at the University of Regensburg. His scientific interest lies in understanding the neurobiological mechanisms particularly mediated by neuropeptides, underlying the regulation of social behavior. After his PhD in 2018 (*Current Biol* 2018), Rohit continued his postdoctoral research in the group of Professor Inga D. Neumann. Here he expanded on his graduate work and studied the role of oxytocin and CRF signaling within the lateral septum in regulating social avoidance (*Mol Psych* 2022, 2023 and *Transl Psych* 2023). His research methodology combines analysis of animal behavior with functional manipulation of septal circuits using pharmacology, chemogenetics, and optogenetics. Rohit is interested in translational animal research and wants to establish his independent research group in the near future.

Rohit has been a member of EBBS since his PhD. The EBBS community, along with its members, has been a constant source of inspiration for him. He was a speaker at the invited EBBS symposium at NWG 2023 titled “New advances in the neuroscience underlying socio-emotional behavior”. He was also the organizer of the symposium titled “Septal regulation of motivational behavior” at 50th meeting of EBBS in Amsterdam in 2023. Additionally, Rohit loves to teach and undertakes several lectures at his current University. He is also a member of European Social Club and the British Society for Neuroendocrinology. Rohit believes that teaching neuroscience, knowledge exchange, and building fruitful collaborations both within the scientific community and the society will drive and enhance meaningful translational research, and as a member of the EBBS committee, he will be in a unique position to do so.