

CLINICAL-RESEARCH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) MIRECC has MD and PhD openings for a 2-year clinical-research postdoctoral fellowship.

The goal and focus of the fellowship is to train and develop the next generation of leading clinical researchers in schizophrenia and other forms of serious mental illness. Over the course of the two-year program, fellows are trained in academic, clinical, and health systems research, advanced clinical care service delivery, and program administration in an interdisciplinary setting. The fellowship combines individual mentored research and clinical training with state-of-the-art educational experiences. A special emphasis of the fellowship program is to train fellows to conduct translational research that brings basic science to clinical practice. Trainees will spend 75% of their time on a clinical-research project and research training and 25% in a VA clinical program that supports the Fellow's training goals. The psychology track is also part of a larger VASDHS APA-accredited fellowship program, the Clinical Mental Health Research (CMHR) program.

The VASDHS program is part of a joint collaborative MIRECC with the West Los Angeles (LA) VA, as a single MIRECC over VA VISN 22. The San Diego and Los Angeles MIRECC faculty work together in close collaboration; our San Diego-based trainees have multiple training and mentoring experiences with the Los Angeles faculty, affording a uniquely rich opportunity and breadth of expertise across the two sites. The combined research programs are internationally recognized in a broad range of research areas including cognitive neuroscience, neuroimaging electrophysiology, neuropsychology, animal models, geriatric psychiatry, psychosocial interventions, cognitive remediation, clinical psychopharmacology, health services, and implementation science. We have a strong commitment to translational research linking basic science to clinical research and clinical research to services research.

Faculty (and interests) include: David Braff, M.D. (psychophysiology, genetics), Lisa T. Eyler, Ph.D. (neuroimaging, geriatrics, microbiome and motivation), Ellen E. Lee, M.D. (aging and aging biomarkers, sleep disturbances, loneliness/social connectedness), Greg Light, Ph.D. (psychophysiology, cognitive remediation), Barton W. Palmer, Ph.D. (aging, loneliness, empirical ethics research), Susan Powell, PhD (environmental and genetic risk factors for neurodevelopmental disorders), Neal R. Swerdlow, M.D., PhD (informational processing in schizophrenia, neurocircuit models, end phenotypes and biomarkers of schizophrenia), Jared Young, Ph.D. (animal models, translational research, behavioral psychopharmacology), and others.

See further faculty details at: <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn22/Fellowship.asp>

Deadlines: MD track open; Psychology – November 17, 2023 (applications received after the deadline may be considered if not filled by applications received by deadline)

For further information, please contact

Physicians should send a cover letter and curriculum vita to Greg Light, Ph.D. glight@health.ucsd.edu).

The Psychology track of the MIRECC Fellowship at VASDHS is APA-accredited under an umbrella program at the VASDH, Clinical Mental Health Research Postdoctoral Residency Program (CMHR). Please contact the MIRECC track Director, Barton W. Palmer, PhD (bpalmer@health.ucsd.edu) for any questions and application instructions.