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ANNOUNCING

The Stanley Center Psychiatric Genetics and Neuroscience Fellowship

2014-2015

The Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research at the Broad Institute and the MGH-McLean Hospital Adult Psychiatry Residency Research Concentration Program

Available through the Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research at the Broad Institute, this award will provide a fellowship stipend for one to two years following residency training, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. A total of 1-2 new awards will be granted.

Award

To create opportunities for advanced study and research in Psychiatric Genetics and Neuroscience, and to serve as a bridge between clinical training and the development of a research career, the fellowship will start in the Spring of the third post-graduate (PG3) year and extend through the PG5 year. During the PG3 and PG4 years, resident salary is covered through the MGH/McLean residency (and an NIMH R25 grant); therefore, the award will cover supply costs to the laboratory joined for each awardee during this time. During PG5, a stipend will be awarded to two eligible applicants (the 2014 stipend is \$80,000). A full award is considered to represent at least 70% effort. To allow increased flexibility with respect to project time, the reviewing committee will consider a request to extend an award over the PG6 year continuing at 70-100% effort, providing that the applicant and the mentor provide a clear rationale and information on the applicant's plan for completion over the additional year period. The award will support a maximum of \$165,000/year/fellow, including salary, fringe, and supplies.

One mentor on the proposal must be a Broad Principal Investigator (PI) or selected from the list of participating mentors below. Additional mentors in active collaboration with Broad PIs may be considered as appropriate.

It is expected that recipients will update the Research Committee by submitting a three-page summary of progress statement on their funded research projects at 6 and 12 months after beginning the fellowship and a final written report at the completion of the fellowship. Review criteria for second year stipends will focus primarily on the training plan, quality and extent of mentoring, and the candidate's potential to develop into a clinician-scientist.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for an award:

1. *Establish collaboration with a participating mentor prior to award date;*
2. *Must already be an active member (or graduate) of the MGH/McLean Research Concentration Program;*
3. *Proposed research must be conducted in collaborating faculty member's lab and applicant must devote at least 70% effort throughout the fellowship;*
4. *May not hold any career development awards (e.g. K99) at the time this fellowship is awarded.*

Application Process

One electronic copy should be **emailed as a single PDF** to Jennifer Moran (jlmoran@broadinstitute.org) by Friday, January 4th, 2014 at 5PM. The following five items must be present in the application to be considered for the fellowship award:

1. **A cover letter**, not to exceed two pages, from the applicant explaining how the fellowship will fit into his/her upcoming career plans and how the clinical training time in psychiatry will be structured. The letter should also describe any past or current research experience and committed or pending external funding.
2. **Current curriculum vitae**.
3. **A Research Plan**. This should include:
 - a. brief abstract not to exceed 150 words,
 - b. description of the specific aims of the project,
 - c. background and significance of the proposed research project,
 - d. description of the research design,
 - e. description of methods,
 - f. discussion of proposed analyses to be used in the project, and
 - g. timeline for completing the project during the fellowship year.

The Research Plan has an absolute limit of 4 pages, single-spaced, using Arial or Times New Roman 11 font. One extra page will be allowed for a listing of referenced literature. Appendices will not be accepted.
4. **A Listing of other research resources** available to support the project (e.g., supplies, technical assistance, diagnostic laboratory tests).
5. **Three letters of recommendation** including one from a Harvard affiliated institution.

Participating Mentors

- Paola Arlotta (Harvard)
- Randy Buckner (Harvard)
- Mark Daly (MGH)
- Kevin Egan (Harvard)
- Maurizio Fava (MGH)
- Guoping Feng (MIT)
- Ed Holson (Broad)
- Steve McCarroll (HMS)
- Benjamin Neale (MGH)
- Dost Ongur (McLean)
- Roy Perlis (MGH)
- Jordan Smoller (MGH)
- Feng Zhang (Broad/MIT)

Any questions about the fellowship application process should be directed to Jennifer Moran (jlmoran@broadinstitute.org; 617-714-7660).