T32 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Geriatric Mood Disorders

Institute of Geriatric Psychiatry

Weill Cornell Medicine

We are currently seeking competitive applications for the **T32 Research Fellowship Program in Geriatric Mood Disorders**, which has been offering multidisciplinary training for 30 years. This successful T32 has undergone continuous *transformation* in response to scientific developments, National Academy of Medicine mandates, the NIMH Strategic Priorities, the RDoc Project, and the evolving expertise of our current faculty. The new T32 organizes its research training in a *continuum* in which our human neurobiology studies provide targets for our novel treatment development initiatives and our services research seeks to extend the quality and reach of mental health treatment in the community.

The Program's strengths include: 1) The academic record of its trainees; the 5 fellows trained of the past 10 years received 3 NIMH Career Development K Award grants; 2) Leadership in research training at a national level (PIs of the NIMH Summer Research Institute and the Advanced Research Institute); 3) NIMH-funded faculty in translational research ranging from molecular genetics, neuroimaging, clinical pharmacology, intervention development, and mental health services research; 4) Cohesive organization of the Cornell Institute; 5) Nine Cornell pilot project grant programs; 6) Rich study populations and laboratory resources; 7) Databases available for secondary analyses and hypothesis generation by fellows; 8) Long and effective collaboration with investigators of Geriatric Medicine, General Internal Medicine, Clinical Epidemiology and Services Research Program, Public Health, and Medical Ethics; and 9) Leadership in 8 multisite studies.

The Program is directed by funded investigators in clinical biology (Faith Gunning), novel treatment development (George Alexopoulos) and clinical mental health services research (Jo Anne Sirey) with a strong record in research training and by an Executive Committee with expertise in molecular genetics, neuroimaging, treatment development, community interventions, and minority studies.

We are seeking applicants whose personalized training programs will be coordinated by two mentors (e.g. one clinical and one basic investigator) to facilitate translation research. Beyond a Core Curriculum, we support our trainees in conducting their own studies, in preparing funding applications, and in publishing data-based papers. Successful applicants may have background and training in some or all of the following domains: geriatric mental health, cognitive and brain aging, neuropsychology, neuroimaging, or community-based psychosocial interventions. Clinical training and mentorship (inpatient, outpatient, and neuropsychological assessment) is available to interested

candidates, and trainees may dedicate up to 20% of their time to clinical endeavors.

Full-time positions are available beginning July 1, 2020. Start dates are flexible and successful applicants may begin their fellowship training between July1, 2020 and September 1, 2020, depending on candidate availability. Annual salary is competitive and consistent with national standards. There is a generous benefits package and additional support for travel, research presentations, and research expenses is provided. Training will take place at our Manhattan and Westchester campuses. Applicants to the T32 Research Fellowship must have an MD or PhD and be either US citizens or hold a visa.

Submission:

Please submit your CV, along with a brief summary of your background and training goals, directly to and to George Alexopoulos, MD at gsalexop@med.cornell.edu and to Faith Gunning, PhD at fgd2002@med.cornell.edu.