

VA MIRECC Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

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Overview: The MIRECC at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Center is recruiting psychologists (or other associated health fellows) for a two-year fellowship program. The primary goal of the program is to train psychologists to become leading clinical researchers in psychotic disorders. The fellowship combines individual mentored research and clinical training (75% research; 25% clinical) 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.

Program Description: The opportunities for training will reside in the research, clinical, and educational programs at the West Los Angeles Division of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, the units of the MIRECC, and the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA. The MIRECC research programs are internationally recognized in a broad range of research into psychotic disorders including cognitive and affective neuroscience, electrophysiology, neuropsychology, social cognition, homelessness, cognitive behavioral therapy and family therapy, psychosocial interventions, cognitive and psychiatric rehabilitation, mobile technology, and clinical psychopharmacology. The Co-Directors and the MIRECC faculty have a strong commitment to translational research that links basic science to clinical research and clinical research to services research.

Faculty: MIRECC faculty members (and their research interests) include: Michael F. Green, Ph.D. (cognitive neuroscience, functional outcome; homelessness); Robert S. Kern, Ph.D. (neuropsychology, cognitive rehabilitation, psychiatric rehabilitation, social cognition; homelessness); Shirley Glynn, Ph.D. (cognitive behavioral therapy, family interventions, psychosocial treatment research); Jonathan K. Wynn (cognitive and affective neuroscience, EEG/ERP, neuroimaging, mobile technologies); Amy M. Jimenez, Ph.D. (cognitive and affective neuroscience, neuroimaging, cognitive behavioral therapy); Sonya E. Gabrielian, M.D. (homelessness, health services, implementation science); Stephen R. Marder, M.D. (clinical psychopharmacology, pharmacological and psychosocial interventions).

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible psychologists (or associated clinicians) must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must have received a doctorate from an APA or CPA accredited graduate program in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology or PCSAS accredited Clinical Science program. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA or CPA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology are also eligible. Applicants must have also completed an APA or CPA accredited psychology internship.

How to Apply: Interested psychologists (or associated clinicians) who meet the eligibility requirements should send a cover letter and curriculum vita to **Robert S. Kern, PhD (e-mail: rkern@ucla.edu) and Amy M. Jimenez, PhD (amjimenez@ucla.edu)**. The cover letter should specify the reasons for your interest in this particular fellowship training program, a brief overview of your previous clinical and research experiences, and how you see this program promoting your professional and career goals.

Other Information: Our fellowship is an equal opportunity training program. Hence, we strive to create a diverse training group and consider minority status to be a beneficial factor in achieving this goal. Thus, we give weight to minority status in our selection rankings. Applications are currently being accepted for the postdoctoral fellowship position beginning in September 2023. Deadline for receipt of application materials is December 31, 2022.