

Bipolar Research Fellowship

Position Overview: The Prechter Bipolar Research Program and the Richard Tam Foundation Fund with the Department of Psychiatry and Depression Center at the University of Michigan offers a Research and Clinical Fellowship training opportunity in translational research in bipolar disorder. Bipolar disorder is a major academic thrust at the University of Michigan (U-M) with several active clinical, biological, computational research programs across seven schools of the U-M. The position is centered around an established [longitudinal study of bipolar disorder](#) that has been ongoing for 13 years. This study collects a broad spectrum of clinical and biological data and follows individuals bi-monthly with technology-based self-report assessment scales. The academic opportunities within the fellowship include integrated analyses with computational, genetic, and biological data with clinical outcomes measures. The desired candidate will contribute to the ongoing studies at the clinical level, interviewing participants, accessing and analyzing data as well as writing manuscripts. Training will be focused on bipolar disorder but tailored in part to the interests of the candidate, with opportunities in biostatistics, genetics, computational modeling, neuropsychology, and other areas. The successful candidate will be encouraged to attend research conferences and present their research. He/she will interact with a team of researchers at various levels and in several disciplines, that are working collaboratively in bipolar research.

The Prechter Bipolar Research Program is a thriving [translational research program](#) with over 1200 individuals in a longitudinal study of bipolar disorder, further information on this study is found in the [list of publications](#) over the past decade from our program.

Detailed Fellowship Description:

- Training in semi-structured and structured comprehensive psychiatric assessments in research and clinical setting.
- Training in acute, maintenance, and prophylactic treatment of patients with bipolar and other mood disorders.
- Training in research methods and data analysis relevant to longitudinal outcomes and intervention studies.
- Active participation in and development of clinical translational research programs on bipolar disorder.
- Active engagement with a cross-department or cross-school research group in project relative to bipolar.
- Training in presentation skills, publication and grant-writing.
- Clinical training will be in the weekly bipolar clinic where 20% effort will be allocated as a clinical lecturer.

Fellowship Objectives:

- Conduct specialty-based comprehensive interview with focus on bipolar and related mood disorders.
- Supervise and train entry level clinicians and clinical researchers to interview bipolar/mood patients.
- Develop expertise in multidisciplinary and translational research methods relevant to bipolar disorder.
- Acquire expert knowledge in assessment measures, clinical, web and mobile based relevant to bipolar disorder.
- Acquire expert knowledge in the care and management of bipolar patients in the clinical setting.
- Publish 2 first authored manuscripts on research performed.

Description of Supervision:

The candidate will be encouraged to identify two academic supervisors in the specialty area of research. A set of aims will be agreed upon for the fellowship to include objectives and timeline specific to the research.

Evaluation method:

Ongoing formal and informal feedback from academic supervisors will be provided on a weekly basis, and will include a combination of personal, lab, and team meetings. The fellow will be expected to update no less than monthly at the clinical research lab team meeting on the progress of their academic activities.

Funding:

The salary will be based on the PGY5 level salary recommendations from the NIH. In addition, there will be a 20% appointment at the clinical lecturer level for clinical services in the bipolar clinic. This effort will be paid according to the recommended level for entry level clinicians at the U-M Department of Psychiatry.

Required Qualifications: A doctor of Medicine/Osteopathy is required. Possession of a current license to practice medicine in the State of Michigan is required. The candidate must be board certified or board eligible in Psychiatry.

U-M EEO/AA Statement: The University of Michigan is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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