

Research Psychiatrist – Laureate Institute for Brain Research (LIBR)

About the Laureate Institute for Brain Research (LIBR)

The Laureate Institute for Brain Research (LIBR) is an independent, philanthropically supported research institute located on the campus of the Laureate Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital (LPCH) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over the past decade, LIBR has built a nationally recognized interdisciplinary program that leverages advanced neuroscience, multimodal neuroimaging, and large-scale electronic health record (EHR) data to identify new mechanisms, diagnostic tools, and treatment strategies for psychiatric disorders.

Our investigators lead multiple NIH-funded projects, including R01s and a Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (CoBRE) award, supporting research in mood, anxiety, eating, and substance use disorders, computational psychiatry, and precision neuroimaging. LIBR is also launching a major new Bipolar Research Initiative, integrating clinical, neurobiological, and EHR-based phenotyping to accelerate discovery. We maintain close collaborations with the University of Tulsa and OU–Tulsa, fostering a rapidly growing academic community in the region.

Position Overview

LIBR seeks an academically focused Research Psychiatrist to develop an independent research program at the interface of neuroscience, psychiatry, and data-driven mental health science. The ideal candidate will be innovative, motivated, and committed to advancing mechanistic and translational research.

Primary Responsibilities

- Develop and lead an independent, federally funded research portfolio applying neuroscience and computational approaches to human psychiatric disorders.
- Design and oversee studies that bridge basic and translational science, including neuroimaging, psychophysiology, and EHR-integrated clinical research.
- Publish in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and present findings at major scientific meetings.
- Provide medical oversight for research participants, including review of laboratory and ECG results, diagnostic clarification, eligibility determinations, and management of urgent medical or psychiatric concerns.

Unique Advantages

- Protected research time within a stable, well-funded institutional environment.
- Integration of clinical oversight into cutting-edge human neuroscience and EHR-enabled precision psychiatry research.
- No teaching or external clinical obligations.
- Access to two on-site 3T GE MRI scanners and comprehensive multimodal assessment capabilities.
- Dedicated core services for data management, analytics, recruitment, assessment, mentorship, and career development.
- Opportunity to contribute to LIBR's new Bipolar Research Initiative, including deep-phenotyping protocols and large-scale EHR analyses.

- Generous start-up package, pilot funding, and strong support for competitive NIH grant applications.
- Collaborative, collegial environment within an affordable and welcoming city.

Qualifications

- M.D. or equivalent with training in psychiatry.
- Eligibility for Oklahoma medical licensure.
- Demonstrated research productivity (peer-reviewed publications, grant participation) or strong potential for independent funding (e.g., NIH K or R awards).

About Tulsa

Tulsa offers an exceptional quality of life for academic researchers — an affordable, mid-sized city with a vibrant scientific, arts, and technology community. The cost of living is roughly 15% below the national average, with short commutes, rich cultural amenities, and a rapidly growing healthcare and research ecosystem anchored by LIBR and local universities.

Application Process

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, CV, and a brief statement of research interests to:

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