

Montefiore Einstein



Vice Chair for Research

*Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

The Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine invites applications for the position of **Vice Chair for Research**.

Montefiore Einstein's Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences has a long-standing reputation for excellence in psychiatric research, clinical care, and education. The department comprises over 1000 faculty and staff and supports a wide range of training programs, including a psychiatry residency, psychology internship, and clinical and research fellowships. It also plays an active role in the MD and PhD programs and the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP).

The department is home to the **Psychiatry Research Institute at Montefiore Einstein (PRIME)**, established in 2017. PRIME leverages the exceptional basic science and clinical resources across the Montefiore Health System and Einstein, and benefits from deep partnerships with the diverse communities of the Bronx, Manhattan, and Westchester and national and international collaborations. PRIME is further supported by Einstein's Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) infrastructure through the **Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR)**, fostering a strong culture of interdisciplinary collaboration.

The **Vice Chair for Research** will serve as a core member of the department's **Executive Leadership Team**.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement a strategic vision to expand and integrate the department's research mission.
- Foster collaboration across basic, translational, clinical, and community-based mental health research.
- Support the growth of the department's extramural funding portfolio, including NIH and foundation grants.
- Recruit, mentor, and retain outstanding investigators at all career stages.
- Oversee research infrastructure including clinical trials, data science, and regulatory support.
- Promote cross-disciplinary collaboration across Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Health System, and affiliated research institutes.

- Advance research addressing mental health disparities and the needs of diverse communities.
- Advance training in research, including a research concentration within the Psychiatry residency

Current departmental research priorities include:

- Basic and translational research in collaboration with the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience
- Human studies focusing on mood and anxiety disorders, substance use disorders, psychotic disorders, autism spectrum and obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorders, neuromodulation, and suicide prevention
- Research on health disparities and multicultural and LGBTQ+ mental health, particularly through PRIME's Center for Health Equity

The Vice Chair will also collaborate closely with:

- Directors of training in the residency and psychology internship programs
- Director of the Office of Medical Student Research in Psychiatry
- Chair of the Department of Neuroscience and other departmental Chairs and Vice-Chairs for Research
- Einstein leaders including the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Director of the MSTP Program, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Director, Office of Grant Support, Director, Research Finance, and the Senior Vice President for Development.

Eligibility Criteria:

We seek candidates eligible for a senior academic appointment (Associate Professor or Professor) with a strong record of federal and/or foundation research funding, impactful contributions to clinical science related to mental illness, addiction, dementia, developmental disorders, or related fields, and demonstrated excellence in research mentorship. Candidates should bring a compelling vision for advancing the department's research mission during a dynamic period of expansion.

Preferred Qualifications:

- MD, MD/PhD, or PhD
- Training in Psychiatry or Psychology

Application Instructions:

Interested applicants are invited to submit the following materials:

- Letter of Interest
- Curriculum Vitae
- NIH Biosketch
- Research Statement

Please send all application materials to:

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