

# Depression Research Cluster Hire - Senate Faculty, Psychiatry Open Ranks

Job #JPF10128

- Psychiatry and Human Behavior / School of Medicine / UC Irvine

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## POSITION OVERVIEW

**Salary range:** Salary and Additional Information: The salary range for this position in the School of Medicine is \$118,378 - \$362,986. The [posted UC salary scales](#) set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See the [Professorial Series \(Adjunct, Clinical X, HS Clinical, In Residence, Ladder Rank\) and Professor of Teaching Series – Health Sciences Compensation Plan](#). This position includes membership in the [health sciences compensation plan](#), which provides for eligibility for additional compensation.

## APPLICATION WINDOW

**Open date:** April 29, 2026

**Next review date:** Monday, Jun 15, 2026 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Wednesday, Apr 28, 2027 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, and the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior are offering two faculty positions within the Noel Drury, M.D. Institute for Translational Depression Discoveries.

The vision for the [Depression Institute](#) is to transform our understanding of depression's origins, treatment, and prevention, while enhancing societal-well being. Its mission is to create a vibrant, inclusive, and interdisciplinary community of scientists and clinicians devoted to (1) fundamentally improving our understanding, treatment and prevention of depression, (2) training the next generation of depression scientists and clinicians, and (3) improving the life of individuals with lived experiences.

The UCI Depression Institute spans various schools – including the School of Medicine, the Charlie Dunlop School of Biological Sciences, and the Samueli School of Engineering. It is envisioned that such confluence of expertise and methodological approaches will foster a bench-to-bedside integration that will be essential for achieving much-needed breakthroughs in understanding, treating, and preventing depression. With the current hiring initiative, UCI aspires to identify exceptionally talented candidates who share our vision and will increase our capacity to achieve breakthroughs in depression-focused and complement recent faculty hires for the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior and the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

Tenure-track and tenured faculty are expected to mount a productive and innovative research program, obtain extramural funding, and actively participate in mentoring (e.g. undergraduate or graduate students, medical students, psychiatry residents, and/or postdoctoral trainees). The successful candidates will be able to leverage existing resources and strengths of UCI Health and its campus partners, including the Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences, the Institute for Precision Health, the Center for Neurotherapeutics, the Center for Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, the Center for Neural Circuit Mapping, the Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders, the Sue and Bill Gross Stem Cell Research Center, the Beall Applied Innovation, and the Behavioral Testing Core (a new core facility for behavioral testing in rodents), among others. Candidates will benefit from outstanding resources and collaborators across departments and schools.

We are seeking candidates – at the Assistant (Tenure-Track), Associate or Full (Tenured) Professor rank – for the [Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior](#) whose research will complement existing strengths and research foci.

Examples, which are not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive, include the following strategic areas:

Childhood, Adolescent or Adult Depression: with a particular focus on innovative and impactful approaches to human depression across the lifespan, including prospective studies in at-risk samples.

Preclinical Models Relevant to Depression: with a particular focus on systems-level mechanisms associated with vulnerability to and resilience against depressive phenotypes.

Candidates with exceptional records in other areas of depression research (including areas leveraging AI and other “big data” approaches) will also be considered. We envision faculty hires across additional UCI Schools in the near future.

Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees and publication records commensurate with appointment levels in the department of interest. Successful candidates will be expected to develop externally funded research programs, engage in mentoring/teaching, and contribute their leadership and innovative thinking towards global prominence in depression research.

About the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior:

As a top-ranked department within a leading public research university, the UC Irvine Department of Psychiatry & Human Behavior is dedicated to advancing clinical care, education, and research. We provide high-quality training to UCI medical students, adult psychiatry residents, and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows, while conducting cutting-edge research across diverse disciplines such as stem cell biology, aging and neurodegeneration, sleep, neurodevelopment, psychotic disorders, and precision health. Our department is also collaborating closely in the development of the Noel Drury, MD, Institute for Translational Depression Discoveries, a new interdisciplinary institute that seeks to revolutionize the understanding and treatment of depression. With over 158 faculty, trainees, and staff, we are committed to delivering exceptional patient care, quality education, and advancing mental health through collaborative research and innovation.

The University of California remains fully committed to [inclusive excellence](#) and encourages applicants to address how their skills, expertise, and experiences might serve the varied communities of California. Please feel free to include information in any of the application materials relevant to inclusive excellence work in research, clinical care, and teaching.

**Department:** <https://medschool.uci.edu/research/clinical-departments/psychiatry-human-behavior>

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Document requirements

Candidates are welcome to discuss any work related to inclusive excellence in their written materials.

Teaching evaluations, including statistical summaries or student feedback from the past five years, will be requested at a later stage.

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Statement of Research - 2 single spaced pages maximum
- Teaching Statement - A description of teaching interests including ability to contribute to Departmental and interdisciplinary programs. See our [guidance for writing a reflective teaching statement](#).

### Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

References will not be contacted until the later stages of consideration, after consultation.

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## JOB LOCATION

Orange, CA

