Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychotic Disorders
Department of Psychiatry, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

We are seeking a postdoctoral researcher to join the Vanderbilt Psychotic Disorders Program (VPDP). This is a 1-year fellowship. The VPDP includes a diverse array of clinicians and researchers who assess, treat, and study patients with a psychotic disorder. The clinical and research efforts of the VPDP are supported by an institutional endowment and several federally funded research grants. The fellow will become involved in on-going programs of research focused on neuropsychological, cognitive, brain structure, brain function, and nosology of psychotic disorders. A significant focus of on-going research projects is on the early stage of psychotic disorders. Fellows will also have access to a large repository of clinical, cognitive, neuroimaging, and genetic data collected on several hundred individuals with a psychotic disorder and healthy subjects. The extensive data available and diverse expertise of faculty associated with the VPDP will allow the fellow to personalize their training experience.

A key goal of the fellowship is to prepare individuals for clinical psychiatry research in academic and/or research settings. It is expected that by the end of the fellowship year, the fellow will be ready to begin an independent research career in neuropsychiatry. The fellowship is well-suited for individuals that:

- Are interested in the neurobiology of psychotic disorders and translating neuroscience discoveries to clinical practice;
- Have a strong record of research experience;
- Are research oriented and intend to pursue an academic and/or research career in neuropsychiatry

The following qualifications are required:

- Graduate degree (Ph.D.) in clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, neuroscience, or biomedical engineering;
- Training and experience in human neuroimaging and/or genetics;

Additional training opportunities for clinical psychology Ph.D.’s

Fellows with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology will have the opportunity to obtain training and experience in the provision of psychological services to individuals with a psychotic illness; including psychological/neuropsychological assessment and psychotherapy (CBT oriented therapy in particular). Interested fellows may also have the opportunity to obtain training in other areas, including geriatric neuropsychology and medical neuropsychology. Time spent engaged in eligible clinical research-related activities and delivery of clinical services can be applied towards supervised postdoctoral hours for licensure as a Clinical Psychologist in Tennessee. To be eligible for these additional training opportunities, the fellow must have obtained a clinical psychology Ph.D. from an APA-accredited graduate program and completed an APA/CPA- accredited pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology.
Setting: The VPDP consists of a 22-bed inpatient unit, a partial hospitalization program, and an outpatient clinic located within the Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital. The clinical focus of the program is on the acute stabilization of psychotic inpatients at VPH and the implementation of long-term treatment plans through outpatient services affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry. Each year the VPDP provides treatment to approximately 600 patients with a primary psychotic disorder, including over 90 first episode patients. Within the Department of Psychiatry is the Division of Psychology. The Division is home to 28 primary and 16 secondary faculty members engaged in patient care, education and research. Psychologists are engaged in all areas of patient care, including inpatient and partial hospitalization programs, and outpatient clinics.

Term: July 1, 2016 – June 3, 2017 (Start/end dates negotiable)

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with NIH postdoctoral stipends. Fellows are also eligible for benefits provided to regular employees of Vanderbilt Medical Center, including health insurance.

Application Materials:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Graduate Transcripts
- Cover Letter briefly describing career goals
- Three letters of reference

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