



Building a Better Tomorrow

The UW Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has a strong tradition of training and inspiring the next generation of research scientists. From exceptional faculty to state-of-the-art facilities to interdisciplinary collaboration and cooperation, we provide the tools and opportunities to launch a successful research career. Graduates from our department use their research skills to improve the mental health of populations around the world.

We take pride in nurturing early career researchers at the world's most innovative public university.* We hope to hear from you!

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Quick Facts

- \$40 million/year in research grants and contracts
- Over 7,000 ft² of lab space
- Federal funders include NIMH, NIAAA, NIDA, CMMI, PCORI, CDC, DOD and the VA
- Nearly 20 fellowships devoted exclusively or partially to research
- Donor-supported fund dedicated to training clinician scientists
- Ranked fifth in research funding campus-wide in 2016

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Creating Solutions

Research Training Opportunities

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

School of Medicine

Research Program Areas

Trainees have access to over 100 research faculty working in a wide range of areas, ensuring any interest can be accommodated. Major research programs include:

Addictions

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Geriatric Psychiatry

Global Health

Health and Risk Behavior

Maternal and Child Health

Behavioral Health and Technology

Population Health

Psychiatric Neurosciences

Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy

Precision Medicine/Targeted Interventions

Trauma Recovery Innovations



Students

Our department offers a wide array of opportunities for students interested in contributing to research. All of our research projects and program areas are open to UW undergraduate, graduate and medical students, and we encourage their involvement.

Psychiatry Residents

PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM

Supported by a five-year R25 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, the University of Washington Psychiatry Resident Research Program offers a wide range of research opportunities in the areas of basic and clinical neurosciences, health services, genetics, and the interface of mental health and addictions. In addition to a primary mentor, participants receive scientific and career guidance from a mentoring committee as well as salary support. Participants typically have 80% research time available for 16 months.

Psychology Residents

PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Psychology residents are encouraged to increase the sophistication of their clinical research by collaborating on ongoing faculty projects. Residents can pursue independent projects with faculty support.

Grantsmanship Seminar

A weekly seminar geared toward teaching the fundamentals of successful grant writing. Open to all trainees.

In addition to the research-specific fellowships listed to the right, numerous clinical fellowships also encourage research. These include our integrated care, child and adolescent psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, psychosomatic medicine, addictions, and forensic mental health fellowships, to name a few.

Research Fellowships

With four T-32 training grants, an Institute for Education Sciences-funded training program, fellowship opportunities through VA Puget Sound, and numerous faculty members with cutting-edge labs, we offer a rich research environment for trainees. Visit our website for a complete list of programs.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TRAINING PROGRAM

Advance translational research in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias as part of an NIH T-32 training grant. Offered through VA Puget Sound.

GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Conduct health services research for older adults with mental disorders as part of an NIH T-32 Research Training Cooperative with Dartmouth, Cornell, and the University of Michigan.

GERIATRICS

Develop leadership in mental health care of the elderly through research and coursework. Offered through the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center (GRECC) at VA Puget Sound.

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Gain advanced skills and knowledge in health services research through this multidisciplinary fellowship. Offered through VA Puget Sound.

MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH AND TREATMENT

Train in academic and health systems research and advanced clinical care service delivery in an interdisciplinary setting. Offered through the Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) at VA Puget Sound.

PSYCHIATRY IN PRIMARY CARE

Combine research on mental health problems encountered in primary health care settings with a well-developed, nationally-renowned Master of Public Health Program as part of an NIH T-32 training grant.

PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Administer and score cognitive, neuropsychological, and diagnostic assessments to children (and parents) with a variety of developmental disabilities, primarily Autism Spectrum Disorder, as part of clinical research protocols.

PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING IN ALCOHOL RESEARCH

Conduct research on the etiology and prevention of problem drinking and alcohol dependence as part of an NIH T-32 training grant. Joint program with the Department of Psychology.

SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Conduct research on development, implementation and impact of prevention and intervention programs in schools. Funded by the Institute of Education Sciences and offered through the SMART Center.



“Mentorship is extremely important to kick-off your research career and my mentors have consistently been available, responsive and supportive of my interests. I've been able to contribute to ongoing projects as well as explore my own ideas and passions.”

Amritha Bhat
Former Fellow,
Psychiatry in Primary Care

Visit www.uwpsychiatry.org/research to learn more.