We are currently accepting applications for four NIH trainee positions in the ARTP to start in September of 2020.

Program Overview

The UC Davis MIND Institute offers a postdoctoral training program to prepare Ph.D. and M.D. fellows for careers in autism research. The goal of this program is to train truly interdisciplinary autism research scientists. The MIND Institute and UC Davis provide a unique environment for conducting postdoctoral research on multiple aspects of autism.

This two-year training program merges the behavioral and biological sciences in the context of an interdisciplinary, autism-focused research program. The training program is organized around a set of core competencies that involves multiple areas of autism-related knowledge ranging from human genetics, to neuroanatomy, to clinical diagnosis. Trainees will be expected to further their own disciplinary competence, gain new competence in other disciplines germane to autism research, and gain experience in four general areas important for establishing a successful career: research ethics, research design and analysis, cultural competence and career development.

Competencies will be acquired through: individual mentorship, research in ongoing interdisciplinary projects, the didactic core curriculum, and conferences, lecture series and other training opportunities. Each trainee will have a primary mentor, the faculty member with whom they directly carry out their research program, as well as a secondary mentor, who will provide a different disciplinary orientation. In cooperation with these mentors, each trainee will develop an individualized training plan and carry out autism-related research. This training program is administered under Kirschstein-NRSA guidelines.

Appropriate Candidates

Appropriate applicants are planning an autism research career and have either (1) a doctorate in biomedical or behavioral science, or (2) an M.D. Individuals from historically under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply. The two-year, postdoctoral fellowships’ stipend levels follow NIH guidelines. Please note that applicants must have completed all work for their doctoral degrees before entering the training program.

Current Openings

The UC Davis MIND Institute’s interdisciplinary Autism Research Training Program announces the availability of four NIH-funded postdoctoral positions (restricted to US citizens and permanent residents only) in interdisciplinary autism research to begin on September 1, 2020. Positions are for two years, subject to successful review during the first year; stipend levels follow NIH guidelines.

Important Dates

Application deadline: March 1, 2020
Faculty Review/ Selection Announcement: April 1, 2020
Offer Letters Signed/Accepted: June 1, 2020
Start Date: September 1, 2020