

UCI Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Call for Research Education Component (REC) Trainees

The UCI Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC, NIA AG066519) is pleased to accept applications to join the inaugural cohort of junior investigators (PhD and/or MD) for our Research Education Component (REC). The overarching goal of the REC is to train the next generation of Alzheimer disease and related dementias investigators to be versed in translational research and continue efforts to find a cure or to prevent dementia. The REC will provide a 2-year curriculum in ADRD research methods including extensive clinical, scientific and career mentorship experiences to 3-4 early stage investigators. The theme of our ADRC, *to identify, quantify, and validate factors that influence the risk of AD across the lifespan*, will serve as the nidus for our training program. The REC will facilitate mentorship from all the ADRC Cores to provide novel training opportunities in clinical outcomes, neuroimaging, fluid biomarkers, unique cohorts (e.g., 90+ study, Down syndrome aging study), data analysis, experimental design, the science of recruitment, and neuropathology.

REC mentees will participate in structured workshops and one-on-one mentoring by faculty associated with the ADRC (<http://www.mind.uci.edu/adrc/about/>). Mentees will be provided professional skill development opportunities; training in scientific writing and grant preparation; and opportunities for networking across the national ADRC network.

The REC will support trainees by providing protected time to clinical researchers and a stipend to basic science researchers. It is anticipated that REC activities will involve 2-3 hours/week in structured seminars/journal clubs with 4 day-long workshops that will be held on the weekend to accommodate clinical researchers.

REC applicants must have either a PhD and/or MD (or equivalent degrees). Junior faculty, career researchers, and post-doctoral fellows are encouraged to apply. Applicants that are not yet involved with ADRD research but bring a unique set of skills to ADRD are strongly encouraged. Applicants are asked to submit the following items:

- a) a three-page Research Plan that outlines a proposed research project,
- b) a one-page Career Goals Summary that describes how the research project relates to the candidate's career goals and to advancing the field of ADRD research,
- c) NIH Biosketch,
- d) a statement of commitment to diversity, and
- e) a Letter of Support from the faculty mentor(s) indicating their support of the trainee's research, their plans for career development and continued training of the candidate and acknowledging that time will be dedicated to the program.

Trainees will be reviewed by the ADRC executive committee and selected based on career goals and will emphasize the selection of a diverse cohort dedicated to ADRD research from a broad background of training.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to this link <https://sites.mind.uci.edu/rectrainee> by the deadline of **5:00PM PST November 13, 2020**. For administrative questions concerning this announcement, contact Andrea Wasserman at awasserm@uci.edu or (949) 824-3253.