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YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016

THE PAUL JANSSEN FELLOWSHIP IN TRANSLATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Initial Application Period: September 1 – November 29, 2013
Finalists Notified: December 20, 2013
Funding Notification Date: February 14, 2014
Fellowship Start Date: July 1, 2014

The Paul Janssen Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding young physician-investigator (M.D. or Ph.D. degree) to conduct novel translational research in the field of neuroscience as it relates to psychiatric disease and medicine. The Paul Janssen Fellow will be assigned both a basic scientist mentor and a clinical investigator mentor from the faculty at Columbia University to serve as joint mentors. The fellow will take a basic observation made by the basic science mentor and apply it to the study of disease or treatment with the clinical research mentor.

Eligibility: Candidates from the international neuroscience community, holding an M.D. or Ph.D. degree, and preferably having completed initial fellowship research training, are invited to apply. Fellows at Columbia University or the New York State Psychiatric Institute/RFMH are encouraged to submit applications.

Funding: The award provides a stipend, commensurate with experience. The stipend provided may require supplemental funding by the mentors.

Length of Fellowship: Up to two years.

Preliminary Application Process (Deadline- November 29, 2013 by 5 pm): The following should be provided in 11 point font (Arial or Times New Roman) with a minimum of one-inch margins: 1) Face page letter identifying applicant and a brief description of previous training in medical research, previous research interests, current position and future research interests. 2) NIH biographical sketch (Section A: Personal Statement –not applicable). 3) Letters of support/reference from at least three (3) current or previous mentors (can be PDFs emailed).

A COMPLETE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL NOTIFIED YOU ARE A FINALIST.
Preliminary applications should be submitted via e-mail to:

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A COMPLETE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL NOTIFIED. THE DECISION ON FINALISTS WILL BE MADE BY DECEMBER 20, 2013. IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS A FINALIST, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A BASIC AND CLINICAL MENTOR AND WILL WORK WITH THEM TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION BY SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING which is DUE BY JANUARY 17, 2014:
1) A 150-word summary of proposed project. 2) Budget page specifying how funding will be allocated and describing the need and rationale for support at this point in the applicant's career. 3) One-half page statement of mentorship arrangements and training goals. 4) "Other Support" of active and pending grant funding indicating percentage of effort and support level (NIH format). 5) Research Plan (maximum of 5 text pages- reference pages not included in count): a. Goals; b. Background; c. Hypotheses; d. Experimental Design and Methods; e. Role of this study in finalist's plans for future research. 6) Letters of support from both assigned mentors. 7) Signed statement by Department Chair (can be mentor) demonstrating approval of project and responsibility for ensuring space, personnel, and facilities. IRB and/or IACUC approval for the project must be provided before the Fellowship starts.