Mental Health Research Network NIMH-funded T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Mental Health Services Research Henry Ford Health, Detroit, MI

Henry Ford Health (HFH, Detroit, MI), in partnership with the Mental Health Research Network (MHRN), is recruiting 1-3 post-doctoral fellows for a two-year, NIMH-supported T32 fellowship to commence in the summer/fall of 2026. Aspiring independent researchers will be trained broadly in health systems/health services research with a focus on mental health conditions and services, including suicide prevention. Areas of particular interest and training will be in clinical interventions, healthcare service delivery, big data, implementation science, comorbidities, health equity, and health policy. The overall goal of the program is to support fellows in the transition to becoming independent mental health services researchers able to pursue NIMH-funding to support research within health system settings.

Fellows will work locally alongside a primary mentor at HFH or the MHRN. They will also receive high-quality secondary mentorship and training from other scientists within multiple formats across the entire MHRN. MHRN is a consortium of 21 health systems, serving over 30 million patients using a common data system, which facilitates rigorous and reproducible multi-site studies. Our MHRN network currently leads dozens of NIH, FDA, CDC, and/or philanthropically funded grants in the areas of suicide prevention, the full spectrum of mental health conditions, and medical and substance use comorbidities, using a wide range of methods and analytic approaches. The participating MHRN health systems also have strong relationships with universities and other academic institutions.

In addition to one-on-one mentoring in the fellows' areas of interest, they will also receive training in grant writing, manuscript development, health systems research methods (e.g., case-control designs, big data science, multi-site trials, dissemination and implementation), quantitative and qualitative methods, ethics, professional/career development, and conducting clinical trials. Teaching opportunities may also be available, as well as clinical experiences for those seeking licensure.

Competitive applicants will have extensive research backgrounds; previous grant writing is not required, but highly attractive, while excellent writing skills are imperative. Experience in health care settings and quantitative methods are preferred. The fellow will have opportunities to conduct their own research, as well as attend scientific meetings and other professional development opportunities. Salaries and benefits will be commensurate with NIH's NRSA stipend levels. Applicants should have a PhD, MD, or other doctoral degree in behavioral or social science (e.g., psychology, social work, public health).

Interested candidates should send a CV, writing sample, one letter of recommendation, and cover letter/personal statement stating their research interests and career goals to the Training Program Coordinator, Biaohua Yu (byu1@hfhs.org). Materials are due by November 1, 2025.

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