

## MISSION

The mission of the Desert Pacific MIRECC is to improve the long-term functional outcomes of patients with chronic psychotic mental disorders, including schizophrenia, shizoffective disorder and psychotic mood disorders through innovative research, clinical care, and educational programs.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible physicians must have completed ACGME-accredited training in psychiatry or related specialty, be board eligible or board certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice. International medical graduates must also have a current visa and an ECFMG certificate that is valid indefinitely. Applicants on a J-1 visa must also have current ECFMG sponsorship.

**ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN PSYCHOSIS AND MAJOR MENTAL ILLNESS:** *A Platform for Continued Physician Training and Professional Development*



## TO APPLY



Our approach to schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders is to improve the understanding of the underlying neurobiology of these illnesses, to translate this improved understanding to improved clinical practices, and to assure that these improved practices are provided to veterans. We approach this mission through an integrated program of research, education, and clinical programs aimed at translating findings from the research laboratory into improved clinical care. The MIRECC program spans the spectrum from basic brain biology to the organization of services for veterans.

Applicants who meet eligibility requirements should contact:

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Welcome to the Advanced Fellowship Program in Psychosis and Major Mental Illness. Our program aspires to educate future Academic Physicians and Clinical Psychologists and to help nurture their early academic careers by building important skills in research, clinical care, teaching, and mental health advocacy.

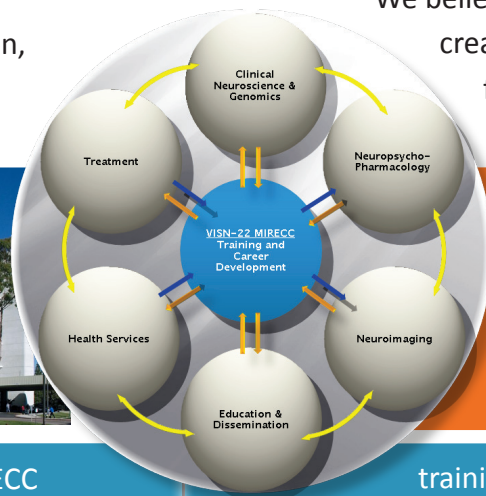
# PROGRAMS

The Desert Pacific MIRECC research programs are internationally recognized in a broad range of research areas including cognitive neuroscience, neuroimaging, electrophysiology, neuropsychology, animal models, geriatric psychiatry, psychosocial interventions, cognitive remediation, clinical psychopharmacology, health services, and

and scientific resources within the San Diego VA and closely affiliated UCSD Psychiatric Neuroscience community. The UCSD Department of Psychiatry is home to a world-class faculty -- many of whom trained within our Department -- that is dedicated to the success of our trainees.

We believe we have succeeded in creating a center program that fulfills these goals while maintaining a focus on

MIRECC is actively recruiting physicians for a 2 to 3-year fellowship and professional development program. The primary goal of the program is to train physicians to become leading clinical researchers in psychosis and major mental illness. Over the course of the program, fellows are trained in academic, clinical, and health systems research, advanced clinical care service delivery, and program administration in an interdisciplinary setting. The fellowship



***Full or Part-Time (50% program)  
Fellowship Options Available***



implementation science. The MIRECC faculty have a strong commitment to translational research that links basic science to clinical research and clinical research to interventions and services research.

Our specific program has a strong focus on schizophrenia and related psychoses, and we seek to develop the next generation of clinical researchers who will move the field forward. We have the unique advantages of being a small and individualized program (2-3 trainees per year), supported by the remarkable clinical

training and early-stage career development. All of our laboratories and units -- Neuropsychopharmacology, Clinical Neuroscience, Treatment, Imaging, Data Management, Health Services, and Education and Dissemination -- have developed a track record of accomplishment. Our programs have strongly supported VA's adoption of a recovery model for severe mental illnesses. This support includes research programs that evaluate innovative treatments for improving the community functioning of individuals with psychotic illnesses and programs that facilitate the implementation of recovery oriented programs in VA clinical settings.

combines individual mentored research and clinical training with state-of-the-art educational experiences. A special emphasis of our fellowship program is to train fellows to conduct translational research that brings basic science to clinical practice.

**PART-TIME FELLOWS** participate in all training and research activities, but spend 50% of their time providing attending-level service (with commensurate compensation) at the VA or UCSD. **FULL-TIME FELLOWS** allocate the majority of their effort to professional development activities, including research training, designing experiments, writing manuscripts, preparing grant submissions, and developing sustainable academic careers.