Minority Research Training in Psychiatry

Through a 5-year, \$3.6 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education (APIRE) is seeking through the Program for Minority Research Training in Psychiatry (PMRTP) to increase the number of minority psychiatrists entering the field of psychiatric research.

The program provides medical students with funding for stipends, travel expenses, and tuition for an elective or summer experience in a research environment, with special attention paid to trainees' career development in research. In addition, stipends are available for a limited number of 1- or 2-year postresidency fellowships for minority psychiatrists. Residents may engage in full-year research training during the last year of psychiatry residency or in "year off" research training.

Training takes place at research-oriented departments of psychiatry in major U.S. medical schools and other appropriate sites throughout the country. An individual at the site (the research "mentor") is responsible for overseeing the research training experience.

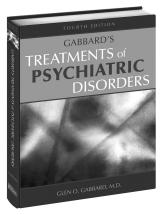
Administered by APIRE, the program includes outreach efforts to identify minority medical students and residents who are potential researchers and to put them in touch with advisors who counsel them about careers in psychiatric research. Additional activities assist fellows and alumni in their research career development.

The director of the PMRTP is Darrel A. Regier, M.D., M.P.H.; the project manager is Ernesto A. Guerra. An advisory committee of senior researchers and minority psychiatrists developed guidelines for applicants and criteria for selection. The members of this committee evaluate and select trainees, oversee the research training experiences, and play a role in evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

December 1 is the deadline for applications for residents seeking a year or more of training and for postresidency fellows. For medical students, applications are due 3 months before training is to begin. Summer medical students who will start their training by June 30 should submit their applications by April 1.

For more information, call the toll-free number for the PMRTP, 1-800-852-1390, or (703)907-8622, e-mail *eguerra@psych.org*, or write to PMRTP at the American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22209-3901.

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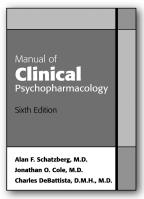
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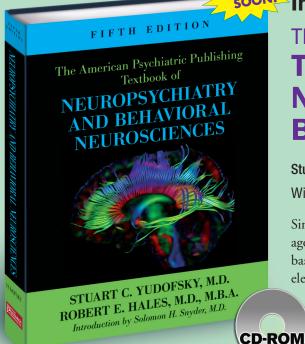


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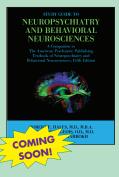
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