

# Society for Psychopharmacology and Substance Use

APA DIVISION 28

## From the President's Desk

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 President

Dear Division 28 Colleagues,

I am excited to write to you in the first newsletter of my term as President of Division 28. We have accomplished so much in the first three months! Since January, the Division has engaged in several new initiatives centered around growth of our membership and enrichment of activities for members with a specific focus on early career researchers.

First and foremost, I convened a task force exclusively composed of early career researchers with varied expertise and experience with Division 28. The decision of the composition of the task force was strategically made to bring together different perspectives and determine the most effective ways to grow membership of scientists in the early stages of their scientific careers. This task force is spearheaded by Thomas Shellenberg, a graduate student in Cognitive Neuroscience within the Psychology Department at the University of Kentucky. The task force is charged with determining how to best initiate an Early Career Investigator Committee in 2027 which will be a standing committee open to early career members who want to become more involved and have an impact on division activities that serve early career scientists.



In addition to our focus on early career researchers, I have identified some key areas of growth for our Division including establishing a formal Long-Range Planning Committee, beginning in 2027, to ensure continuity of leadership between Presidential years. This committee is composed of former Presidents, current and former Members-At-Large, Secretaries, and Student Representatives. The charge of this committee is to interface with the Executive Committee regarding initiatives that are ongoing from prior

years and identify future challenges and areas for growth for the Division. Finally, I have initiated a streamlined system for content creation and online presence for Division 28, alongside Student Representatives Cianna Piercey, Shelby Goodwin, Ashley White, and our newly appointed Executive Communications Officer, Dr. Jin Yoon. I am excited to see how these initiatives grow our footprint, impact, and membership as they become established and streamlined. I also want to thank everyone who agreed to serve in these roles- this type of service and dedication is so critical for our Division.

During my Presidential term, I have focused specifically on ways we can invest in our Division. Given the current political climate, I believe it is important now more than ever to invest in our early career members as well as provide career growth opportunities for members of all career stages. We also have an opportunity this year to provide three travel scholarships for early career researchers to attend the annual meeting in August, thanks to the donation of Dr. Meredith Berry - thank you to Meredith for your support! I hope these initiatives provide a strong and supportive place for our members as we continue to navigate these challenging times. I look forward to our annual meeting in August to discuss additional ways we can support each other and advocate for our science. Our Program Chair, Dr. William Middleton, has organized an exceptional program this year that can't be missed. Thank you to William for all of your efforts! In addition, I encourage all members to utilize the platform of our in-person August meeting to disseminate your scientific findings, grow your networks with other scientists in the field, and find this meeting to be a safe space to express your thoughts, hopes, and concerns regarding current challenges we are facing in this moment.

Personally, I am proud to be a member of Division 28. I have been involved in this division since I was a graduate student and it has provided me with so many career opportunities that can be difficult to find elsewhere. I believe this speaks to who we are as a community- we support each other and help each other grow as impactful addiction scientists. I am particularly grateful for your support as a preclinical addiction behavioral neuroscientist, as we are in strong headwinds right now. I remain steadfast in my commitment to be there for our early career researchers and contribute in any way I can to support our amazing community here in Division 28. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year, and I look forward to seeing how the rest of this year unfolds!

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Ph.D.



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## 2026 APA Convention Update

William Middleton, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 Program Chair

Please join us for this year's annual APA Convention, which will take place in Washington, DC, from August 6–8, 2026.

Thank you to all Division 28 members who submitted sessions and posters! Special thanks also go to our session and abstract reviewers. We would not be able to develop such high-quality programming each year without the hard work of our members.

This year's Division 28 program features invited addresses, awards ceremonies, and a symposium exploring opioid use disorder and chronic pain. Our programming hours were especially limited this year; as such, we had a difficult time selecting our symposium from the many high-quality submissions we received. Thank you to everyone who submitted. We wish we could feature all of the sessions submitted this year.



This year's divisional symposium is: Understanding the Intersection of Opioid Use Disorder and Chronic Pain

- Community-Defined Treatment Priorities in Co-Occurring OUD and Chronic Pain
- Stigma as a Barrier to Treatment Among People with Chronic Pain and OUD
- Integrated Treatment for Veterans with Co-Occurring Chronic Pain and OUD

We also had a record number of poster submissions this year! We will be holding not one, but two poster sessions to accommodate the many high-quality submissions. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Be sure to attend our presidential address, delivered by Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt; our MED Associates Brady/Schuster Award Winner invited talk; and our New Fellows Symposium.

The dates and times of each session will be posted soon and will appear in the next Division 28 newsletter. In the meantime, please start thinking about your travel arrangements.

A special thanks to Dr. Sean Regnier, our incoming co-Program Chair. I am excited to see everyone in DC!

William Middleton, Ph.D.



## 2026 APA Division 28 Award Winners

Justin Strickland, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 Awards Chair

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our 2026 Division 28 Award winners!

## 2026 Med-Associates Brady-Schuster Award

*The Med-Associates Brady-Schuster Award honors a mid-career or senior scientist (at least 15 years after doctoral degree) who conducts outstanding research underscoring the fundamental importance of behavioral science to psychopharmacology or substance use.*

This year's recipient is:

**Ryan Vandrey, Ph.D.**  
**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**  
**Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit**  
**(BPRU)**

Dr. Vandrey is an experimental psychologist and Professor at the Johns Hopkins University Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU) and helps lead the Johns Hopkins Cannabis Science Lab.



Dr. Vandrey's research focuses primarily on the impact of route of administration, dose, and chemical composition of cannabis products on resultant drug effects and pharmacokinetics.

In addition, Dr. Vandrey helps lead the Cannabis and Health Research Initiative (CHRI), a program designed to advance understanding of the health impacts of medicinal cannabis use. He has also been involved in work related to cannabis-drug interactions, the effects of cannabis use on sleep, cannabis withdrawal, the treatment of Cannabis Use Disorder, cannabis product testing, drug testing, impairment testing, and developing measures of cannabis use behavior.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Vandrey!



## 2026 Outstanding Dissertation Award

*The Outstanding Dissertation Award recognizes the best doctoral dissertations in psychopharmacology and substance use research.*

This year's recipient is:

**Kathleen (Katie) McNealy, Ph.D.**  
**Department of Pharmacology & Nutrition Sciences**  
**University of Kentucky**

Kathleen (Katie) McNealy earned her BS in Psychology at the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2018 and recently finished her PhD in Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Behavioral Neuropharmacology lab led by Dr. Rick Bevins. Her doctoral dissertation examined the effects of contraceptive hormones on the role of primary reinforcement and reinforcer-enhancement in nicotine self-administration for female rats. That work was supported by a NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse R36 Dissertation Award.



Dr. McNealy is currently a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt in the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Kentucky, where she is developing community-informed translational models of opioid-stimulant polysubstance use and drug adulteration. Her postdoctoral training is supported by a National Institutes of Health/National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NIH/NCATS) TL1 fellowship.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. McNealy!



## 2026 Early Career Pharmacologist Award

*The Early Career Pharmacologist Award honors an early career scientist conducting original, meritorious work in psychopharmacology and encourages excellence in research at the interface between the disciplines of pharmacology and psychology.*

This year's recipient is:

**Roberto Confresí, Ph.D.**  
**Department of Psychological Sciences**  
**University of Missouri**

Originally from Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, Dr. Roberto Cofresí earned a BSc in biochemistry and a PhD in neuroscience from the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked on preclinical non-human animal models of the persistence of affective-motivational reactivity to cues associated with alcohol reward, and finding ways to attenuate it. During his postdoctoral training at the University of Missouri, he switched to human laboratory models of affective-motivational reactivity to naturally occurring alcohol-related cues.

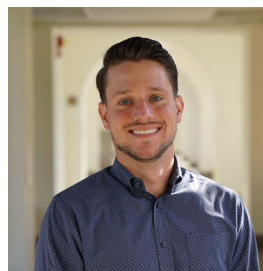


Currently, he is a 2nd yr assistant professor at the University of Missouri, where he is leveraging his cross-species addiction neuroscience training to develop human laboratory models of conditioned drug reward cue reactivity in which to test theorized neural mechanisms of addiction, such as incentive sensitization, and examine the extent to which behavioral and brain activity (EEG, fMRI) measures from these new models can forecast changes in addictive substance use behavior over time. Dr. Cofresí's current work is funded by a K99/R00 from NIAAA. He was previously supported by predoctoral and postdoctoral T32 traineeships as well as a Diversity Supplement at the postdoctoral level, all from NIAAA.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Confresí!



## A Word with the Early Career Investigator Task Force



*Top row (Left to right):* Thomas Shellenberg (University of Kentucky), Margaret Bedillion (Columbia University), Brandon Miller (University of Kansas), and Cianna Piercey (Colorado State University).  
*Bottom row (Left to right):* Justin Van Heukelom (University of Florida), Rafaela Fontes (Virginia Tech), Katya Nolder (University of Vermont), Mia Rough (Wake Forest University), and Zachary Pierce-Messick (Johns Hopkins University)

In Winter 2025, Division 28 President Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt convened an Early Career Task Force with the goal of identifying ways to better support early career researchers (ECRs) throughout the year, beyond our usual annual meetings. I was honored to have been invited to serve as Chair of this group, working alongside eight early career addiction scientists representing a range of institutions, career stages, and research areas. They are Dr. Rafaela Fontes (Virginia Tech), Dr. Justin Van Heukelom (University of Florida), Dr. Mia Rough (Wake Forest University), Dr. Zachary Pierce-Messick (Johns Hopkins University), Dr. Margaret Bedillion (Columbia University), Dr. Katya Nolder (University of Vermont), Brandon P. Miller (Kansas University), and Cianna Piercey (Colorado State University).

From the outset, the Task Force was charged with three priorities: (1) proposing the structure and scope of a new Early Career Investigator Committee, (2) identifying ways to increase representation of ECRs from underrepresented institutions and research areas, and (3) recommending programming strategies to improve engagement and professional development opportunities across the year.

To date, one of the clearest takeaways from our discussions was that many ECRs expressed a need for more consistent access to mentorship, networking, and professional development resources that extend beyond the conference setting. In



response, the Task Force has focused on developing a framework for a standing Early Career Investigator Committee that can support year-round programming. Proposed initiatives include virtual workshops, structured mentorship opportunities, and more accessible networking spaces that connect ECRs across institutions and career stages. Importantly, we have also emphasized strategies to broaden participation and ensure that these opportunities reach individuals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds.

Our final report, which will be presented at the Division 28 business meeting at the upcoming APA Convention, outlines these recommendations and offers practical steps for implementation. This work is intended to serve as a foundation—something that can evolve over time as the needs of ECRs continue to change. More than anything, this effort reflects a shared interest in building a stronger, more connected ECR community within Division 28. We look forward to continued input from members and to working together to carry this momentum forward.



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## Division 28 Membership Information

Annie Kleykamp, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 Membership Chair



### Individual Memberships

Division 28 is committed to:

- Basic and Applied Research
- Undergraduate, Graduate, and Postdoctoral training
- Evidenced-based Clinical Practice
- Public Service and Advocacy

We accept APA members and non-members, and have different membership levels available for students, early career psychologists (terminal degree within the past 7 years), and regular members. Members receive a thrice-yearly newsletter, and are eligible for 1 of 3 annual awards (Outstanding Dissertation, Early Career Psychopharmacologist, Med Associates Brady/Schuster Award). See the previous award winners at our Division 28 awards page!

Please consider joining or renewing your membership! Contact our membership chair, Annie Kleykamp ([bkleykamp@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:bkleykamp@som.umaryland.edu)) or visit our Division 28 membership page on our website for information.

### Corporate Affiliate Memberships

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- Receive overview of relevant programming at APA convention

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## Psychopharmacology and Substance Use News Editorial Policy

Robert S. LeComte, Ph.D.

*Psychopharmacology and Substance Use News* is a thrice-yearly publication of Division 28. It is devoted to keeping members informed about the activities of Division 28 and to news and comments concerning all aspects of psychopharmacology and substance use.

Articles, comments, announcements, and advertisements should be sent to the editor, Robert S. LeComte [rlecomt1@jh.edu](mailto:rlecomt1@jh.edu). Explore content from archived Division 28 newsletters [here!](#)

## Training & Career Announcements

### **Research Associate – Weill Cornell Medicine**

Weill Cornell Medicine's Department of Population Health Sciences is recruiting a doctoral-level Research Associate to join Dr. Sean Murphy's laboratory in the Division of Comparative Effectiveness and Outcomes Research.

The lab works in a team environment providing economic evidence on interventions for people with substance use disorders, HIV, and related conditions. Dr. Murphy is a leading expert in designing and conducting economic evaluations across a multitude of settings, including criminal-legal, primary care, and substance use treatment. The applicant will join a dynamic multidisciplinary team, while connecting with prominent substance use researchers, globally.

This is a full-time, annual appointment with renewal possibility based on performance and funding. The candidate is a quantitative researcher with experience using advanced econometric and biostatistical approaches to analyze person-level data. Experience in the field of behavioral health and with large health insurance claims-based analytic files are valuable.

Qualifications include:

- PhD in health economics, health services research, health policy, or related field
- Programming skill in 1+ statistical/computational language (Stata, SAS, R)
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Strong teamwork skills
- Ability to contribute to multiple projects with excellent time management

Key responsibilities:

- Lead economic analyses with guidance from Dr. Murphy
- Collaborate on manuscripts, presentations, and other products, as lead or contributing author.
- Produce high-quality results and displays
- Support data acquisition and management
- Collaborate on grant proposals

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### **Policy Intern**

#### **Addiction Science Defense Network**

The Addiction Science Defense Network (ASDN) is seeking a highly motivated volunteer part-time policy intern to support our advocacy initiatives and policy-related activities. If you are passionate about advancing evidence-based addiction policy, eager to learn about legislative processes, and want to make a tangible impact in the field, we encourage you to apply!

**Position Overview:** As a Policy Intern, you will play a vital role in supporting the advocacy work of our network. You will assist with policy research, track relevant legislation, and help prepare advocacy materials to advance our mission of defending sound addiction science, treatment and prevention. We anticipate the intern would work from 4-6 hours per week.

Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct policy research and monitor legislative developments related to addiction science
- Assist in preparing policy briefs, fact sheets, and advocacy correspondence



- Support the planning and coordination of advocacy campaigns and events
- Draft and proofread policy-related documents and communications
- Help manage outreach on social media and news outlets to promote advocacy efforts

Qualifications:

- A rising college senior, In graduate school, or a post-doc
- Interest in and some familiarity with substance use research
- Self-motivated, organized, reliable, and industrious
- Personable and a team player
- Good communication skills
- Proficiency with AI, social media, and software programs such as excel, word, PowerPoint, zoom, and search engines

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**Distinguished Research Faculty  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine**

The Department of Family & Community Medicine at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine is seeking distinguished research faculty for a tenure track or tenured, 12-month position. The successful candidate will be offered an opportunity to contribute to a dynamic, productive research agenda that aims to make an impact in cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, substance use and tobacco policy, or other health conditions relevant to Family & Community Medicine.

Our department seeks an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor of Research for Department of Family & Community Medicine who will conduct innovative, rigorous, grant-funded research and engage in scholarly activities (peer reviewed publications, presentations, etc.). Faculty members will also have an opportunity to contribute to the research training of UK students and postdoctoral scholars, including mentorship programs, workshops, and supervised research. Competitive salaries and startup packages are offered.

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**Founding Open-Rank Faculty  
University of Arkansas**

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI) are recruiting up to three founding, open-rank faculty to join the National Center for Opioid Research and Clinical Effectiveness (NCOR), a newly launched, state-funded national research center supported by an unprecedented \$75M investment to advance evidence-based prevention and treatment of opioid and substance misuse affecting infants, children, adolescents, and families, especially those residing in rural areas.

Faculty will receive competitive start-up support and be housed in a new 65,000 sq ft research facility (opening Spring 2027).

Candidates should have a strong research program focused on opioid/substance misuse, with interest in multidisciplinary collaboration and passion for making a real-world impact.

Qualifications: PhD, MD, or equivalent; record (or trajectory) of extramural funding.

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**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor  
University of Kentucky**

The Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor as part of a major expansion in biomedical research. We seek an outstanding early-career investigator with the creativity and drive to build an innovative, independent research program within a highly collaborative and well-resourced environment. Applicants must hold a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree and demonstrate strong potential for developing a competitive, extramurally funded research enterprise. Competitive start-up support, modern laboratory space, and access to exceptional shared core



facilities will be provided to enable rapid and sustained research program development. This is a broad search, and we welcome applicants working in any area relevant to pharmacology, nutritional sciences, or closely related biomedical disciplines. Candidates whose research complements or expands existing departmental strengths in neurobiology and brain aging, metabolic and cardiovascular disease, cancer biology and pharmacology, cellular signaling, RNA biology, endogenous signaling pathways, animal physiology, or substance use disorder are especially encouraged, but outstanding applicants in other areas of contemporary biomedical research will receive full consideration. We are particularly interested in candidates pursuing interdisciplinary or translational research that bridges basic and clinical science and leverages emerging technologies, including advanced in vivo approaches, mass spectrometry-based methods, spatial transcriptomics, bioinformatics, and models, such as organoids, tissue cassettes, and hiPSCs. The department supports two vibrant graduate programs and fosters a collegial culture that values mentorship, collaboration, and scientific innovation.

Along with the application, applicants should include

- 1) a cover letter
- 2) curriculum vitae
- 3) brief description of research interests (Specific Request 1)
- 4) contact information for three references (Specific Request 2)

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#### **Full-Time Postdoctoral Position University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

The UCLA Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research Laboratory, led by Dr. Ziva Cooper, of the University of California, Los Angeles Center for Cannabis and Cannabinoids at the Jane and Terry Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences invites applicants for a full-time postdoctoral position. Dr. Cooper's laboratory focuses on controlled human laboratory studies of

cannabis and cannabinoids to understand both their potential therapeutic and adverse effects. Duties: The postdoctoral fellow will work directly with Dr. Cooper on laboratory studies and collaborations with several other UCLA departments assessing the impact of cannabis and cannabinoids on health outcomes. The applicant will be involved in the day-to-day management of outpatient studies, data analysis, and manuscript preparation and submission. The fellow will be encouraged to develop a line of research and seek individual funding under the mentorship of the PI. Eligibility: The ideal candidate will have a terminal degree (PhD, PharmD, PsyD, MD) and training in pharmacology, neuroscience, psychology, or a related field at the time of the appointment. Trainees will be selected on the basis of a strong record of peer-reviewed publications, excellent written and oral communication skills. Experience applying for and / or obtaining research funding is desirable.

Appointment: 1-3 yrs.

**To apply:** Send application form below, a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and 3 references to Dr. Ziva Cooper c/o Vincent Acebo ([vacebo@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:vacebo@mednet.ucla.edu))

#### **Independent Research Consultant Center for Technology-Based Education and Community Health**

The Center for Technology-Based Education and Community Health (TECH) at NDRI-USA is seeking an Independent Research Consultant with advanced degree in social sciences or a related field, doctoral degree preferred. The individual needs proven experience in conducting literature reviews and manuscript preparation.

Please submit your fee schedule, a resume or NIH bio-sketch, along with three references and three first-author publications to [aronson@ndri-usa.org](mailto:aronson@ndri-usa.org)

#### **Director, Quality and Science American Society of Addiction Medicine**

The Associate Director, Quality and Science, reports to the Director of Quality and Science. This position supports ASAM leadership, society members, and partners to advance quality addiction care. The



Associate Director will work closely with the clinical practice guideline (CPG) methodology committee and the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) to support the development of ASAM CPGs and other clinical documents. This will include conducting systematic literature searches using best practices, supporting implementation of the GRADE (Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation) process, providing project management support, and supporting committees' decision-making in alignment with the ASAM CPG Methodology. This position requires knowledge and experience in guideline development, systematic evidence reviews, and clinical practices in addiction treatment.

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**Postdoctoral Scholar Position  
University of Kentucky**

The Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky seeks a talented, highly motivated researcher with a background in substance use, social networks, and/or quantitative methods. The postdoctoral scholar will work closely with Dr. Carrie Oser and other faculty in multidisciplinary teams (e.g., sociology, social work, psychology, public health, pharmacy, medicine). They will have the opportunity to conduct research related to various NIH-funded projects, depending on interest and area of expertise, including the Geographic variation in Addiction Treatment Experiences (GATE) study, the Promoting Recovery Outcomes with Motivational Interviewing and Social Network Engagement (PROMISE) study, the Women's Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network (JCOIN-2) study, and/or the Support Towards Addiction Recovery (STAR) study. This position will advance the career of an early-stage researcher by providing opportunities to garner grant-writing skills, conduct independent and collaborative research, and disseminate research findings by connecting with a mentor in Behavioral Science and other faculty in the Center on Drug & Alcohol Research (CDAR) and the Center for Health, Engagement and Transformation (CHET). Additional opportunities are available through the University's Substance Use Priority Research Area

(SUPRA) initiative. Strong applicants will be motivated to conduct interdisciplinary research and will demonstrate scholarly potential that makes them competitive for NIH funding and tenure-track appointments at a research-intensive university.

The position begins on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2027.

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**Department Head  
University of Connecticut**

The Department of Allied Health Sciences, within the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut in Storrs invites applicants at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor to apply for Department Head. We seek a highly organized, dynamic, and visionary individual to provide strong leadership for a large, diverse, and productive department in alignment with the strategic plans for the Department, College, and University. The Department Head serves as an advocate and leader for the Department of Allied Health Sciences at UConn and with its external constituents. Active participation in teaching, research, and/or extension programs is expected. This position reports to the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and is based primarily on UConn's Storrs Campus.

Allied Health Sciences is based on UConn's main Storrs campus and regional Waterbury campus, and is well situated between New York, Boston, Providence, and Hartford.

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**Program Coordinator  
NYU Langone Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy**

The NYU Langone Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy (COEP) is seeking a Program Coordinator to support the operations, core projects and initiatives of the Center. The mission of COEP is to advance overdose prevention and



substance use epidemiology, alleviate substance-related harms and promote health equity through innovative research, comprehensive training, and effective dissemination. The Program Coordinator will play a central role in supporting COEP's core initiatives by integrating program administration, event and program management, dissemination and communications, and operational support to ensure the Center's activities run smoothly and effectively. The Program Coordinator will provide high-level administrative and operational support to the Center Director, faculty and staff members, ensuring that COEP activities and initiatives run smoothly and efficiently. The position integrates program and event management with day-to-day logistics to support seamless coordination and impactful engagement across the Center. Responsibilities include managing schedules and communications, coordinating team meetings and events, managing the Center newsletter, website and other dissemination materials, assisting with Center grant submissions and pilot grant program, assisting with administrative tasks including scheduling, processing invoices and contract agreements, among others as detailed below.

#### **LEARN MORE:**

Please send cover letter and resumé to Liz Clancy at [elizabeth.clancy@nyulangone.org](mailto:elizabeth.clancy@nyulangone.org)

#### **Open Rank Faculty Positions University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) invites applications for full-time, open-rank faculty positions for independent investigators in psychiatric research. We seek scientists whose work advances the understanding, prevention, and treatment of addiction and other mental health conditions across the lifespan.

We welcome applicants conducting rigorous, impactful research in areas such as:

- Cannabis use disorders and cannabis exposure
- Co-occurring psychiatric disorders (e.g., mood, anxiety, psychotic, trauma and stressor-related, cognitive disorders)
- Prevention and early intervention
- Treatment development and evaluation

- Population mental health, particularly in rural settings. Emerging and novel therapeutics, including neuromodulation and psychedelic-assisted treatments.

**LEARN MORE:** Please send a CV and letter of interest to: Laura B. Dunn, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry, at [Ldunn@uams.edu](mailto:Ldunn@uams.edu)

#### **Clinically Oriented Research Assistant Vanderbilt Psychiatric Neuromodulation**

Full-time research assistant to join a laboratory within the Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital focused on the study of neuromodulation (i.e. brain stimulation) interventions for substance use and psychotic disorders. Under direct supervision, the research assistant will be responsible for recruiting research subjects into clinical research studies and assisting investigators in the collection and analysis of study data.

In particular, the research assistant will work alongside the principal investigator to conduct randomized, controlled trials of neuromodulation (transcranial magnetic stimulation, TMS) for substance use (cannabis, nicotine, opioids) in people with and without psychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia. This will require a desire to work directly with individuals who experience psychiatric disorders and substance dependence as well as excellent organizational and data management skills.

The research assistant will be responsible for:

- Recruiting research participants into research studies (independently or in conjunction with other clinical research staff)
- Assessing the participant's eligibility for research studies
- Discussing informed consent with research subjects
- Scheduling research study visits
- Conducting clinical interviews of psychiatric symptoms and substance use
- Administering cognitive tests
- Carrying out neuroimaging study protocols
- Administering TMS with supervision
- Using PsychoPy, EPrime, REDCap, Matlab, and R statistical software to collect and analyze data
- Checking and maintaining data quality



**LEARN MORE:**

Please send resume and cover letter to: [heather.b.ward@vumc.org](mailto:heather.b.ward@vumc.org)

**Statistical/Methodological Editor**  
**American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AJDAA) is seeking a methodological editor with expertise in qualitative and mixed methods research to join its Editorial Board. The selected editor(s) will provide expert methodological input on submitted manuscripts and contribute to maintaining the Journal's high scientific standards. This is a volunteer Editorial Board role and offers an opportunity to help shape the methodological integrity of a leading journal in addiction science.

Responsibilities may include:

- Reviewing approximately 6 qualitative and mixed methods manuscripts annually
- Recommending peer reviewers with relevant methodological expertise
- Providing guidance on emerging qualitative and mixed methodologies and best practices applied to addiction research

Ideal candidates will have:

- Formal training in the conduct and publication of qualitative and/or mixed methods research, or a track record of multiple published qualitative and/or mixed methods studies (preferably in the addiction field)
- A record of serving as the lead methodologist for published qualitative and/or mixed methods research studies
- Experience completing peer reviews and publishing in academic journals
- Familiarity with established methodological and reporting standards (e.g., COREQ, SRQR, mixed methods frameworks)
- An interest in advancing high-quality, clinically and policy-relevant research

**LEARN MORE:** Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest outlining relevant experience and training, along with a CV, to Ozzie Mack at [editorial.office@theajdaa.com](mailto:editorial.office@theajdaa.com) by May 15th, 2026.

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor**  
**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

The Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), located in Jackson, Mississippi, invites applicants to apply for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in our dynamic Department. This position (R00048485) is available within the Department's Division of Neurobiology and Behavior Research (DNBR). Review of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

We are seeking individuals to expand and complement our current strengths in areas of substance use disorders, mood disorders, sleep/circadian rhythm dysfunction, and psychiatric comorbidities. Applications encompassing all relevant research areas/techniques will be considered. However, we are particularly interested in applications from researchers with expertise in electrophysiology or bioinformatics. Further, individuals conducting behavioral pharmacology/neuroscience research using human subjects, or research with a concurrent cancer focus are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in neuroscience, psychology, pharmacology, or related fields, and postdoctoral experience. The candidate will be expected to maintain a vibrant, extramurally funded, research program. Current funding and/or a strong track record is a major consideration. The salary and benefits package is competitive with flexible incentives based on extramural funding levels, and a research/relocation start-up package will be available to the applicant. UMMC also has numerous programs for intramural support in terms of bridge funds, internal grants, merit-based awards, and enhancement funding.

**LEARN MORE:** For questions, please contact Donna M. Platt, Ph.D. ([dplatt@umc.edu](mailto:dplatt@umc.edu))

**Research Program Coordinator I**  
**Medical University of South Carolina**

The Disparities Research Exploring Addiction Mechanisms (DREAM) Lab at the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center is seeking a full-time Research



Program Coordinator I (PC I) to support NIH- and Foundation-funded studies focused on reducing tobacco-related health disparities. Our work aims to: 1) determine which populations are disproportionately at risk for tobacco use and addiction across the lifespan (e.g., young adults, groups from low socioeconomic status [SES], rural, and racial/ethnic minority backgrounds); 2) identify mechanisms underlying tobacco use in high-risk groups; and 3) evaluate whether lower-risk nicotine products and other strategies can promote smoking cessation and harm reduction. This position offers hands-on experience across a wide range of study designs, including qualitative research, cross-sectional and longitudinal cohort studies, human laboratory paradigms, and remote clinical trials. The Research Program Coordinator I will work closely with the PI, Dr. Mariel Bello, and a collaborative research team, and will play a key role in the day-to-day operations and success of multiple ongoing studies.

Why Join the DREAM Lab?

- Contribute to impactful, health equity-focused research addressing tobacco-related health disparities
- Receive direct mentorship from the PI, a licensed clinical psychologist, and gain exposure to grant writing and manuscript development
- Gain hands-on experience across diverse research methodologies (clinical, laboratory, and community-engaged research)
- Develop leadership and project management skills
- Strong preparation for graduate training in clinical psychology, public health, medicine, or related fields

The DREAM Lab values collaboration, mentorship, and a supportive team environment, and is committed to fostering the professional development of all team members.

#### LEARN MORE:

[https://musc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/MUSC/job/Charleston/UNIV—Research-Program-Coordinator-I—Psychiatry-Addiction-Sciences-Division\\_R-0000060985](https://musc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/MUSC/job/Charleston/UNIV—Research-Program-Coordinator-I—Psychiatry-Addiction-Sciences-Division_R-0000060985)

#### Research Assistant

##### McLean Hospital

The Stress, Anxiety and Substance Use Lab (PI: R. Kathryn McHugh, PhD) at McLean Hospital is seeking a highly motivated college graduate to provide support for several NIH-funded clinical projects focused on substance use disorders and co-occurring psychiatric disorders, with a primary focus on opioid use disorder. The position will be based at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA. Specific responsibilities include: participant recruitment, follow-up, and assessment; maintaining and updating data generated by the study; performing literature searches; conducting statistical analysis; contributing to the writing of manuscripts; and administrative tasks. Publication and presentation opportunities will be available.

This position offers an excellent opportunity for graduating seniors looking for clinical research experience before applying to graduate school in psychology (particularly clinical and counseling programs), the social sciences, or medical school.

Start date June 2026.

#### LEARN MORE:

Interested applicants should send a CV and cover letter to Dr. McHugh at [kmchugh@mclean.harvard.edu](mailto:kmchugh@mclean.harvard.edu)

#### Vice Chair for Research

##### Open Rank – Associate Professor, Professor University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

The University of Colorado School of Medicine (CU SOM) Department of Family (DFM) seeks a Vice Chair for Research (VCR) to lead an active and growing research program in the DFM. This position will provide administrative leadership for the research mission area of the DFM as well as participate as a member of the DFM executive leadership team (ELT). Additionally, the position will participate in funded research and other activities if appropriate, such as clinical work or teaching, depending upon candidate background and interests. The position will involve partnership with different programs, departments, centers, and disciplines across the CU SOM, as well as other schools, community and academic partner organizations.



A specific candidate content area of interest is not required, although the candidate's personal research program with one of DFM areas of strength or expansion is desired. These include 'exercise as medicine', whole person health and chronic pain, addictions and/or behavioral health as key areas for research opportunity and growth. Existing DFM expertise is in and methodological and content areas of expertise include: practice-based research and innovation, dissemination and implementation (D&I) science, pragmatic research methods and evaluation, mixed methods approaches, clinical trials of innovative devices and treatments, digital health and on-line resources, primary care research, multi-level programs, health behavior change and content areas of diabetes and obesity, cancer prevention and control, aging, and child health and welfare.

#### LEARN MORE:

Questions should be directed to: Lydia Lyon, [Lydia.lyon@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Lydia.lyon@cuanschutz.edu)

Applications are accepted electronically ONLY at [www.cu.edu/cu-careers](http://www.cu.edu/cu-careers)

#### Postdoctoral Researcher University of Kansas

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The Cofrin Logan Center for Addiction Research and Treatment at the University of Kansas seeks a full-time postdoctoral research fellow. The successful candidate will work closely with Principal Investigator Dr. Tera Fazzino in the Health Behavior and Technology Lab on a project investigating the abuse liability of hyper-palatable foods.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Adhere to research protocols and complete daily research-related tasks to run the lab and active studies.
- Serve as an unblinded researcher that will organize, manage, and provide food stimuli for laboratory study on a daily basis.
- Conduct data quality control monitoring and data analysis as needed.
- Help with supervision of laboratory graduate students and research staff.

- Manuscript preparation for publication.
- Participate in the preparation/writing of grants.

The successful candidate will be provided with training in laboratory paradigms, behavioral assessment, and regulatory science as applied to food. They will also gain experience in general research administration and the preparation of grants and manuscripts. Additional independent research opportunities, such as conference and manuscript submissions, will be available based on interest and experience. This position is well-suited for individuals interested in pursuing research-focused careers in academia, academic medical centers, and/or research institutes.

#### LEARN MORE:

[https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=25752&siteid=5541&jobid=5222506#jobDetails=5222506\\_5541](https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=25752&siteid=5541&jobid=5222506#jobDetails=5222506_5541)



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- Current President: Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt
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- Past President: Mikhail Koffarnus
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