

◆ **ANNOUNCEMENT** ◆
YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011
THE PAUL JANSSEN FELLOWSHIP IN
TRANSLATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Initial Application Period: September 1 – November 30, 2008
Funding Notification Date: February 2, 2009
Fellowship Start Date: July 1, 2009

The Paul Janssen Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding young physician-investigator (must have M.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 M.D./Ph.D. degrees, 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, as well as some funding for research costs. The stipend provided may require supplemental funding by the mentors.

Length of Fellowship: Up to two years.

Preliminary Application Process (to be submitted by November 30, 2008): The following should be provided in 12 point font (or larger) 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) Front two-pages of the NIH biosketch (sections A & B only). 3) Letters of support/reference from at least three current or previous mentors. **A COMPLETE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL NOTIFIED.**

Preliminary applications should be submitted electronically or via mail to:

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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 current and pending grant funding indicating percentage of effort and support level. 5) Research Plan (maximum of 5 pages): a. Goals; b. Background; c. Hypotheses; d. Experimental Design and Methods; e. Role of this study in awardee's plans for future research. 6) Letters of support from both mentors. 7) Signed statement by Department Chair demonstrating approval of project and responsibility for ensuring space, personnel, and facilities. IRB and/or IACUC approval for project must be provided before the Fellowship starts.