Anderson and Morgan receive CTSI Resident Research Funding Awards

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A pair of resident physicians in the UC San Francisco Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program have been chosen to receive Fall 2017 Resident Clinical and Translational Research Funding Awards [4] by the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

Brian Anderson, MD, MSc [3], and Stefana Morgan, MD [2] - both of whom are in the fourth year of residency and participants in the UCSF Psychiatry Research Resident Training Program
had their applications selected through a competitive process and are now eligible to receive up to $2,000 for qualified clinical and translational research expenses not covered by their mentor or other sources.

Anderson's project, Psilocybin-Associated Group Therapy for Demoralization in Long-term AIDS Survivors? investigates the combined use of the naturally occurring psychedelic prodrug compound psilocybin and group therapy in improving the mental health of long-term AIDS survivors. Morgan, who is also the current chief resident for research, will use her funds to support Training Health Care Professionals To Identify and Respond to Victims of Human Trafficking, which aims to evaluate an online training module designed to train health care professionals to recognize and respond to human trafficking victims at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center.

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