After receiving more than 550 applications and conducting interviews with 85 candidates over a 12-week period, the UCSF Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program (RTP) announced that it will welcome a full class of 16 new residents into its Class of 2021. The incoming class, which will begin clinical work in late June after participating in orientation activities, is a highly diverse and accomplished group.

Together, the group has published 63 peer-reviewed manuscripts and presented 95 posters at national meetings. They hold interest in a wide variety of sub-specialties, including basic science research, child and adolescent psychiatry, clinical research, global mental health, medical education, public psychiatry, translational research, and women’s mental health.

The class includes founders and managers of free clinics and non-profit community organizations, entrepreneurs, AmeriCorps members, editors-in-chief of literary magazines, medical student curriculum committee members, and peer mentors among its ranks, as well as Amnesty International, Latino Medical Student Association, Physicians for Human Rights, and Student National Medical Association chapter presidents. Included in the group are fluent speakers of Arabic, Dutch, French, Italian, Persian, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese, and American Sign Language.
The UCSF Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program offers a four-year training opportunity across three main training sites in San Francisco: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center [3], the San Francisco VA Health Care System [4], and Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics [5] on the UCSF Parnassus campus.

Additional facts about the UCSF Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program Class of 2021:

- 56 percent are women
- 25 percent are from under-represented minorities in medicine (as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges)
- 31 percent received their medical degree from California institutions, 63 from medical schools in other U.S. states, and 6 percent from institutions abroad
- 44 percent intend to participate in the UCSF Psychiatry Research Resident Training Program [6]
- 31 percent identify as LGBT
- 31 percent hold combined MD/PhD degrees, with several others holding other advanced degrees
- At 16 students, this year's incoming class of psychiatry residents is the largest in California and among the top ten largest in the nation

According to primary figures [7] provided by the National Resident Matching Program, nearly 36,000 U.S. and international medical school students and graduates vied for residency positions, making this year's match the largest in history. Of those, 1,506 applicants were offered residency positions by 246 psychiatry programs. Over the past five years, the total number of psychiatry residency positions offered nationwide has increased by 34 percent.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [8] and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute are among the nation's foremost resources in the fields of child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental health. Together they constitute one of the largest departments in the UCSF School of Medicine and the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, with a mission focused on research (basic, translational, clinical), teaching, patient care and public service.

UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational and research efforts at a variety of locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay and Laurel Heights, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System, and UCSF Fresno.

About the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences [9], established by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. "Sandy" Weill, brings together world-class researchers with top-ranked physicians to solve some of the most complex challenges in the human brain.

The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF's unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments?Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological
Surgery that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer’s disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson’s disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

About UCSF

UC San Francisco (UCSF) [10] is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. It includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy; a graduate division with nationally renowned programs in basic, biomedical, translational and population sciences; and a preeminent biomedical research enterprise. It also includes UCSF Health, which comprises top-ranked hospitals - UCSF Medical Center [11] and UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals in San Francisco [12] and Oakland [13] - and other partner and affiliated hospitals and healthcare providers throughout the Bay Area.

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