

## Research

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is a world leader in research with a deep and distinguished record of achievement spanning more than half a century. Our world-class psychiatrists, psychologists and neuroscientists explore psychological, biological and social processes as they may affect the cause, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as well as those that promote health, coping capacity and life satisfaction. We are dedicated to the discovery of better treatments, prevention strategies and cures for neuropsychiatric disorders. Operating in one of the premier biomedical research institutions in the world, our research faculty members are conducting state of the art basic, clinical and translational research aimed at improving the care of people with mental illness.

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## Research leadership

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## Charge of the research leadership

1. Representing the relevant vice chair(s) in providing oversight and representation for the researchers at their respective site and facilitating research-related communication with the groups they support
2. Breaking down the barriers and facilitating collaboration across our geographical sites and across the basic science-clinical/translational divide
3. Developing and implementing a set of standard procedures and guidelines for our research enterprise
4. Addressing challenges that exist and arise that impede our capacity to do the highest possible quality research
5. Developing new initiatives and programs to advance the department's research mission

## Domains

The research team carries out projects across the following domains to benefit the department:

1. Faculty oversight
2. Research and grant administration
3. Faculty recruiting
4. Strategic development and planning
5. Education and training

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