UCSF Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences offers an ACGME-accredited fellowship in geriatric psychiatry. The fellowship provides training in all ACGME-required experiences including inpatient, outpatient, consultation and nursing home settings. Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center are the major training sites. Special experiences will include a joint consultation clinic with geriatric medicine, and rotations at the following sites: the Memory Disorders clinic at SFVAMC with Kristine Yaffe, MD [1], the Memory and Aging Center in the Department of Neurology with Bruce Miller, MD [2], and Mary De May, MD [3], the Geriatric Assessment Clinic at LPPHC with J. Craig Nelson, MD [4], and the ECT service at UCSF with Descartes Li, MD [5].

The mission of the fellowship is to train outstanding geriatric psychiatry clinicians. We also encourage and support the development of clinicians interested in research and academic careers. We are particularly interested in attracting applicants interested in working with older patients from a variety of socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.

Requirements

The applicant must have completed a general adult residency in psychiatry. At the time the applicant begins the fellowship, they must have a California medical license. The applicant must either be a U.S. citizen or hold an appropriate visa.

How to apply

To apply for a geriatric psychiatry fellowship at UCSF, please send a cover letter telling us a little about yourself and your interest in geriatric psychiatry, a CV, and three letters of recommendation. One of the letters should be from your general residency training director indicating that you are in good standing in your program and are scheduled to graduate next June. In your cover letter please indicate if you currently hold a California Medical License and if you are not a U.S. citizen, let us know your visa status.

After reviewing this information, we will arrange interviews. A complete set of training documents will be requested prior to final acceptance. Please send the requested materials to the contact information listed below.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes a joint seminar with the Geriatric Medicine and a seminar on selected topics in geriatric psychiatry. Supervision is provided by program faculty. Fellows will benefit from their interaction with the Geriatric Medicine Training Program, Behavioral Neurology, and the considerable resources of the UCSF medical center.
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