



# **CALL FOR APPLICANTS: TWO-YEAR FELLOWSHIPS IN BRAIN HEALTH POSITIONS STARTING SUMMER 2016**

## **Introduction**

The overarching goal of this program is to identify and mentor outstanding individuals who want to have a long-lasting impact on brain health in their communities and globally. We are particularly interested in attracting individuals who aspire to bridge the gap between the cutting edge of neuroscience and current efforts in public health. This program will prepare Fellows to translate knowledge into practice at scale, via implementation science, policy engagement, and other public-facing activities. It has been designed to train and support individuals from diverse fields, including but not limited to: physicians (e.g., psychiatrists, neurologists, geriatricians), researchers (neuroscientists, psychologists, social scientists, and others) and other health professionals (nurses, social workers, clinical psychologists, therapists, and others). Fellows will be early in their careers and should demonstrate the potential to engage in interdisciplinary inquiry, adapt to different cultural contexts, and lead change throughout their careers.

The program will be co-directed by world-recognized leaders the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Trinity College, Dublin (TCD). Fellows will have one- to two-year appointments at either institution and up to eight positions will be filled annually. All fellows will be chosen based upon shared values about aging—maintaining dignity, equity, and opportunity. Special selection emphasis is on Latin America, the US, Ireland, and the Mediterranean region, but applicants from around the world who exhibit outstanding foundation for this training will be considered.

Our aim is to nurture and develop the next generation of global health scholars with expertise in brain protection, neuroscience, dementia and public policy who, during and after their training, carry out cutting-edge scientific research and interventions in underserved populations. Together, they will reduce the scale and impact of dementia across the world.

## **Proposed Structure of the Fellowship**

Training is available at one of two sites: UCSF and TCD. The primary site of training will be the Memory and Aging Center at UCSF and the Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience and Mercers Institute for Successful Ageing, St. James Hospital, Dublin; however, through

partnerships, a broad array of programs at each university and neighboring organizations could be made available for custom experiences. All trainees will have:

- Customized, 1–2 year experience with transition to regional environment over the course of the second year
- One-to-one mentoring with at least two mentors
- Didactic series around health economics, policy, and brain health, among others
- Access to competitively-awarded funds for pilot projects that could be completed in their home country upon completion of fellowship
- Observation and participation in clinical cases
- Access to a family of researchers, clinicians, and policy makers for career-length mentoring and communication

## **What We Do**

- Expertise in neuroimaging
- Operating large and longitudinal cohort studies to understand risk factors for brain health
- Accurate dementia diagnosis and atypical dementias (e.g., frontotemporal dementia, HIV)
- Outstanding policy and health economics programs
- Broad capabilities to customize experiences and identify mentors across disciplines
- Access to large datasets to identify determinants of brain health
- Use of biomarkers including imaging for risk assessment, diagnosis, and disease tracking

## **Types of Applicants We Seek**

A wide range of individuals early in their career, including, but not limited to:

- Physicians (e.g., psychiatrists, neurologists, geriatricians)
- Researchers (e.g., epidemiologists, neuroscientists, psychologists, social scientists)
- Other health professionals (e.g., nurses, social workers, clinical psychologists, therapists)

## **Qualifications**

Ideal candidates will demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Completed their final graduate or post-graduate training (e.g., residency, fellowship, post-doctoral training, government internship)
- A commitment from their regional institution (e.g., government, university, community) for long-term assurance to become a transformative leader around brain health during and after fellowship training
- The ability to bring creative and relevant projects to fruition
- Success in competitive environments
- Commitment to the values and mission of the program

- Willing and able to complete two years of training at a foreign site
- Long-term commitment to the goals of the program
- Have ideas that could transform their local or global brain health environment
- Fluency in English

## **Fellowship Salary and Benefits**

Fellows accepted for the program will receive a salary and benefits equivalent to typical fellows at UCSF or TCD, and reimbursement for travel and certain other expenses.

## **Application Process**

Expressions of interest are accepted throughout the year. Expressions of interest should include a curriculum vitae or resume; a short paragraph (no more than one page) describing short- and long-term training and career aspirations; and the name and details of two references.

*Expressions of interest should be sent to Dr. Joe Harbison at [JHarbiso@tcd.ie](mailto:JHarbiso@tcd.ie).*

Suitable candidates who express interest will be invited to make a full formal application.

## **Application Requirements**

- Completed program application
- Curriculum vitae that is no more than four pages long, but covers the following:
  - Education/training
  - Current and past appointments
  - Publications or pertinent meeting abstracts (up to 20)
- Commitment letter from your regional institution describing your role and their long term commitment to your development and future employment as a leader
- A personal statement describing the applicant's interest in and commitment to our stated mission and values (no more than ½ page)
- Two other letters of recommendation from academic or institutional sponsors
- Fluency in English, evidence of English as required by the institution you will be visiting