Mount Sinai Offers Combined Psychiatric Residency and PhD Track

The Department of Psychiatry at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai will offer a new path for residents seeking dual MD/PhD training beginning in 2014. Supported by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the Psychiatry Residency + PhD Program integrates doctorate-level training in genetics or neuroscience with psychiatry residency training, over a period of seven years.

This innovative program is designed so that these MD/PhD trainees would be able to continue their research after obtaining their PhD, rather than having to enter clinical training at that time. Two medical students will be accepted into the program each year through the National Residency Matching Plan.

By combining the elective time available in psychiatry residency with half-time NIMH-supported research over the final 6 years, trainees will have the equivalent of 4.6 years in the 7 year program for PhD training and research. Trainees would also be eligible for the NIH’s Loan Repayment Program in the final four training years.

Trainees will benefit from the strong connections among the Departments of Psychiatry, Neuroscience and Genetics/Genomics, as well as the 15 Institutes for Clinical Translational Sciences, which are Mount Sinai’s hubs for scientific and clinical enterprise.

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Sincerely,

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