

Program: Psychedelic Therapy Research and Emory Healthcare Veterans Program (EHVP)
Supervisors: Barbara O. Rothbaum, PhD, ABPP, Jessica Maples-Keller, PhD

This position is a two-year dual-focused research and clinical fellowship. This postdoctoral fellowship position would be a 50/50 split position between psychedelic clinical research and the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program (EHVP).

Psychedelic clinical research components will include involvement on Department of Defense funded clinical research investigating MDMA assisted massed exposure therapy for PTSD, and funded research investigating psilocybin support for PTSD as well as psilocybin assisted massed exposure therapy for PTSD. The fellow would be involved in study assessments and treatment and would also be involved in data analysis and publications and have opportunities for grantsmanship if interested. Data components being collected in the studies include brain imaging paradigms, psychophysiology (including fear potentiated startle model of fear extinction learning), blood-based biomarkers, and self-reported and clinical variables. The fellow would also have access to many large clinical research datasets for potential secondary analysis. We are members of the Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality (<https://psychedelics.emory.edu/>) with many ongoing collaborations. As such, there are opportunities to collaborate in this research as well, including in areas of diversity considerations within psychedelic care, spiritual health informed psychedelic care, assessing and tracking adverse events within psychedelic use, and many other emerging areas.

EHVP fellowship provides advanced training in serving the mental health needs of our nation's veteran population. The EHVP Fellowship is structured with a dual focus on advanced clinical training and clinical research. Fellows obtain outstanding training in the practice of clinical psychology under the direction of Drs. Barbara O. Rothbaum and Sheila A.M. Rauch, with in-depth training in evidence-based treatment for invisible wounds (PTSD, MST, TBI, SUD, and depression, among others) among a diverse veteran population. Fellows practice within an interdisciplinary team that provides holistic care including innovative intensive outpatient settings, including individual and group therapy. Trainees contribute to the leading edge of knowledge in evidence-based care. Research interests among EHVP faculty include, but are not limited to: PTSD, anxiety, mental health disparities and access to care, psychotherapy outcomes, military sexual trauma (MST), exposure therapy, substance use disorders, virtual reality-based exposure therapies (VRET), adjunctive pharmacological therapies (MDMA, THC), neurobiological predictors/outcomes of treatment, and early intervention/prevention of PTSD. Participation in research provides opportunities to gain a breadth of practice and collaborate with colleagues across the Emory community and nationwide, and internationally.

As a program housed within Emory University and Emory Healthcare, the full and rich resources of this thriving community are available to fellows, including access to events, museums, and scholarly fellowship. The program actively fosters professional development, with support for licensure and frequent opportunities for specialized training, consultation networks, and community outreach. The stipend is currently \$61,008 and will be updated in line with any changes to the NIH postdoctoral fellow stipend levels.

The Atlanta metropolitan area is the largest in the state of Georgia, ninth largest in the United States, and home to a diverse population of more than five million residents. Atlanta is home to numerous museums, art galleries, and cultural landmarks, as well as thriving music, film, and sports scenes. Past EHVP fellows have valued the city's cosmopolitan atmosphere, vibrant green spaces, and reasonable cost of living.

Required: Prior to the start of fellowship, applicants must have satisfactorily completed all requirements of a PhD/PsyD in Clinical Psychology or closely related field, including an APA accredited predoctoral psychology internship.

Desired: Ideal candidates would have training and experience with evidence-based therapy. Training and experience with psychedelic therapy would be viewed favorably but is not a requirement, as we will provide this training and ongoing supervision and consultation. Experience in the treatment of PTSD and associated comorbidities; cognitive-behavioral therapy; exposure therapy; structured-clinical interviews (e.g., CAPS-5, DIAMOND); and clinical research is valued. Experience or interest in brain imaging collection, processing, and analysis would be desired but not required for a successful candidate.

To apply:

1. Send a cover letter, CV, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Katie Lanier, Director of Training, at karagsd@emory.edu.
2. Once you've completed step 1 above, please complete the Emory application. We will provide this link to you following receipt of your e-mail application.

Interviews are conducted and offers are made on a rolling basis. Early application is strongly encouraged.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Lanier at karagsd@emory.edu.

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