Overview: The Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) of the New York/New Jersey Veterans Healthcare Network is recruiting physicians for a 2-year fellowship program. The MIRECC is chaired by Dr. Rene Kahn who also chairs the Department of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. The primary goal of the fellowship is to train physicians to become leading clinical recovery-oriented physician-scientists with a focus on serious mental illness and suicidality in veterans.

Program Description: This interdisciplinary program trains physicians to become outstanding clinical researchers in high priority areas of mental health. Individualized, mentored research and clinical training are combined with a curriculum that emphasizes research methods, statistics, epidemiology, mental health systems, quality improvement methods, education, and service delivery. Training in professional skills includes manuscript preparation, grant writing, project management, and the responsible conduct of research. Participating MIRECC faculty and their research interests can be found at http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn3/ContactInfo.asp. Fellows’ mentorship team can also include non-MIRECC faculty from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai including Drs. Scharham Akbarian, Dolores Malaspina, and Sophia Frangou.

All VA Fellowship sites are linked electronically for didactic, academic, and research efforts. Fellows devote the majority of their time to patient-oriented research and education activities and 25% to direct patient clinical care. In collaboration with their mentors, fellows will develop and implement a research project, publish and present findings, participate in grant writing, and utilize the latest innovations for educational activities and clinical service delivery.

Applicants must have completed ACGME-accredited residency training, be board eligible or board certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice medicine. International medical graduates must also have a current visa and an ECFMG certificate that is valid indefinitely. Applicants on a J-1 visa must have current ECFMG sponsorship as well. Stipends are set by the VA based on previously completed ACGME accredited residency and fellowship training. Fellows’ primary appointment will be at the JJ Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx, NY and will also receive an appointment at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai New York, NY.

Application and start dates are flexible. To start at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year applications must be received by May 1, 2018.

How to Apply: Interested physicians who meet eligibility requirements should send a cover letter, curriculum vita, transcripts, and the names and contact information for three references to William Byne, M.D., Ph.D. (william.byne@mssm.edu). The cover letter should state the reasons for your interest in this particular fellowship training program, and provide a brief overview of your previous clinical and research experiences as well as a statement of your career goals and how you see the MIRECC program promoting your professional development.