

Director, Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development

Position Description

The Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences in the Duke University School of Medicine has an opening for a faculty member at the Associate Professor or Full Professor level to serve as **Director, Duke Center of Autism and Brain Development**. The successful candidate will have a strong academic background with demonstrated leadership and history of accomplishment in the field of autism research. The Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development is a National Institutes of Health Autism Center of Excellence and is dedicated to improving the lives of autistic individuals through research, education and training, clinical services, and policy. Center faculty, students, and staff work in partnership with autistic people and their families, and the broader community, to realize this goal.

With the support of Duke University, research grants, and philanthropy, the center conducts cutting-edge autism research ranging from basic science to implication and dissemination science, offers state-of-the-art interdisciplinary clinical care, inspires and trains the next generation of scientists and clinicians, and partners with the community to impact policy and services. Over 100 faculty, students, and staff work part- or full-time at the center. Training opportunities are offered to postdoctoral associates, fellows, medical residents, clinical psychology interns, graduate students, medical students, and undergraduate students.

The center fosters interdisciplinary research across a wide range of disciplines and departments at Duke and promotes synergies between its clinical and research programs with a goal of improving methods for screening, diagnosis, and intervention. Research areas include brain function, genetic and molecular studies, biomarkers, neuroimaging, early detection and screening, digital health, computational/data science, early intervention, global health, implementation science, and clinical trials.

The Director will have a demonstrated commitment to ensuring an inclusive and equitable work environment and will exemplify the Duke Health values of excellence, integrity, teamwork, respect, and innovation. The Director will be responsible for the strategic direction of the research, clinical, and education mission of the Center, help recruit and mentor early-stage investigators who are part of the center and participate in securing resources for the Center through research grants and philanthropy. The Director will be expected to maintain their own active program of autism research. Duke faculty and staff are part of a premier academic medical center dedicated to excellence in education, research, and patient care. Located in Durham, North Carolina, Duke University offers a rich intellectual and scientific environment facilitated by several institutes designed to promote interdisciplinary research. Duke Health encompasses one of the largest biomedical research enterprises in the country and Duke University, together with the Duke University Health System, is the region's leader in developing the next generation of clinicians and researchers.

Candidates must hold a PhD or MD in a field relevant to autism research. Salary, rank, and tenure status are contingent upon candidate qualifications. The rank and tenure status awarded in alignment with the Duke School of Medicine's promotion and tenure policy. Duke offers an excellent benefits package and support for relocation.

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Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, and Statement of Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to Elizabeth Sturdivant at elizabeth.sturdivant@duke.edu.

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