



On behalf of the Division of Clinical Neuroimmunology and the Department of Neurology and Neurosciences here at Stanford, thank you for your interest in our fellowship training program. It is a solemn honor to help train tomorrow's leaders in this dynamic subspecialty.

Our training program offers plasticity and can be modeled according to the applicant's active interests and skill set, but must include mentored training in the core competencies of clinical care, clinical research and education. Our Division seeks to train the fellow with a breadth and depth of the field across the bench-to-bedside spectrum, and at a level commensurate with potential for national and international leadership.

Our clinical footprint is large and growing. We are regarded as a destination Center in MS and Clinical Neuroimmunology. The National MS Society has designated the Stanford Multiple Sclerosis Center as a Center for Comprehensive and Coordinated MS Care, one of only two Centers with such a designation in northern California. We are an active member of the national Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. We are recognized by the Guthy-Jackson Foundation as a national leader in the research, diagnosis and treatment of Neuromyelitis Optica. The Stanford MS Center is one of ten member Centers of the Accelerated Cure Project. Our Center attracts a regional, national and international clientele, and we enjoy a growing presence within the western U.S. and Pacific Rim. Fellows are certain to see and care for a broad range of neuroimmunologic disorders in their mentored clinical training.

Our fellowship is designed to foster clinician investigators. In addition to clinical care, the fellow will be mentored concurrently in subspecialty specific research. The nature of this research can vary according to candidate interest, skill and training; but in general, should be directed to investigation within the ken of MS, NMO, or clinical neuroimmunology. Acceptable research endeavors range from bench research, translational research, applied clinical research, interdisciplinary research, and/or clinical trials. Accordingly, the fellowship is likely to be co-mentored, with a collaborative and interdisciplinary focus.

In addition to clinical care and research, the fellow will be asked to assume an active role in teaching and education of our program's residents and medical students. The Stanford University School of Medicine was ranked as the second leading medical school in the United States in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of 2013. Stanford's Department of Neurology has been awarded the AUPN Award for the highest percentage of medical school graduates going on to postgraduate training in the neurosciences the last two consecutive years. Teaching is an explicit priority of our Department and our Chair; and the fellow will be asked to assume a leading role in the execution and conduct of dedicated weekly clinical neuroimmunology conferences and didactics pertaining to our field.

Our Division has been designed to address Multiple Sclerosis and Clinical Neuroimmunology across the bench to bedside spectrum. Noteworthy strengths of our fellowship training program include the established culture of interdisciplinary collaboration of Stanford University, the immediate interface of our clinical and research

facilities on a common campus, the high skill level of our scientists, and the profound ethnic diversity of our clientele.

We will be delighted to share with you the knowledge of those things we know, equip you with the tools to investigate those things we don't yet know, and exhort you to contribute to this field in vital and enduring ways.

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