**UW ADRC Research Education Component (REC) Trainee Program**

**Summary**

The UW ADRC REC Trainee program provides a broad-based training in the clinical presentation and course of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRDs) in addition to the basic, translational and clinical research approaches used in their study. Designed to complement participants’ ongoing training, this program provides 6-10 REC Trainees each year with a two-year cohort-based introduction to the basics of ADRDs, orientation to the use of data and resources available through the UW ADRC cores, and access to scientific and research environment of the UW ADRC. **Three key benefits of participation in the UW ADRC REC Trainee program are:**

1. Didactic and practical training in ADRD and related research approaches, as well as an introduction to accessing research resources developed with the UW ADRC.
2. Introductions to and ongoing interactions with leaders in UW ADRD research. For trainees embarking on Alzheimer’s-related research, these investigators are their future collaborators, co-mentors, consultants, and Letter of Support writers.
3. Funding for conference travel will be available to support REC Trainee travel to and present at ADRD-related meetings and workshops.
4. For trainees seeking F, K funding in Alzheimer’s-related subjects, participation in the REC Trainee program provides a strong starting point for mentorship and training plans. For those seeking R-level funding, it is a strong step towards demonstrating active participation in the institutional Alzheimer’s-related scientific environment.

**Participants**

The UW ADRC REC Trainee program was designed to support graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, medical residents and fellows, and junior faculty conducting research on subjects connected to ADRD.

**Elements**

*AD@UW:* Broad-based training on the presentation and clinical course of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, as well as research approaches used in their study. Small-group based sessions will be facilitated by UW ADRC subject matter experts, who will also provide an ‘insider’s guide’ to the use of ADRC samples, data and resources.

*Access to UW ADRC Scientific and Research Environment for distributed REC Trainees:* The UW ADRC community is home an outstanding array of weekly, monthly and quarterly seminars, workshops and journal clubs related to ADRD. These include the UW ADRC ‘Towards Precision Medicine’ seminar series, the Neuropathology Research in Progress seminar series, the Neuropathology Clinico-Pathologic Conference (CPC), the Alzheimer’s Disease Training Program T32 Special Topics seminar series and journal club. REC Trainees located across the different UW campuses, or located at other campuses nationwide, will be provided real-time access to these events through Zoom-based video conferencing.

*UW ADRC Research Symposium:* REC Trainees will be invited to participate in the annual UW ADRC Research Symposium, which includes a poster session, investigator and trainee talks, and networking opportunities. Participating REC Trainees will be eligible for travel support to ADRD-relevant conferences.

**Application Process**

Trainees interested in participating in the 2023-2024 ADRC REC Trainee cohort should submit the following items to Molly Chinn (wamble@uw.edu) **by 5/19/23**:

* Personal statement (1 page)
* NIH-style biosketch
* A mentor letter of support relating to your participation in the REC Trainee Program

Applications will be evaluated and candidates notified of their inclusion in the upcoming cohort in June 2023.