Open-Rank Faculty Position (Clinical Trials, Neuroimaging)

Arkansas Children's, in partnership with the University of Medical Sciences (UAMS), is seeking clinician scientists to join the National Center for Opioid and Addiction Research (NCOAR).

NCOAR is a first-of-its-kind, state-launched national research center dedicated to transforming the prevention and treatment of opioid and substance misuse among infants, children, adolescents and families.

Faculty Position Overview

This is a rare opportunity to build and lead a clinical research program within a brand-new national research center. This position is ideal for clinical researchers with an active clinical trials program and/or expertise in neuroimaging research such as MRI and/or EEG applied to substance misuse and addiction.

Areas of work we are interested in, but not limited to:

- Examines the neurobiological mechanisms of opioid and other substance use disorders
- Evaluates pharmacological or behavioral interventions through rigorous clinical trial designs
- Leverages brain-based biomarkers to advance diagnosis, treatment response or recovery outcomes in pediatric and family populations

Researchers will have access to the full infrastructure of ACRI, including a dedicated 24/7 Pediatric Clinical Research Unit and advanced support in biostatistics, biomedical informatics and community-engaged research. Additional resources at UAMS include the Translational Research Institute (TRI), the Addiction Research T32 Training Program, and more.

About NCOAR

NCOAR was launched in 2024 through a $75 million investment from Arkansas opioid and vaping settlement funds, with additional substantial support from Arkansas Children's. Faculty will be housed in a new 65,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art research facility, with occupancy anticipated in early spring of 2027.

- State-of-the-art neuroimaging (MRI, EEG) research facility and dedicated clinical research unit.
- Imaging facility will include a Siemens MAGNETOM Cima.X 3T MRI and a Magstim EGI 128-sensor MR compatible HD-EEG system.

- Family Clinical Research Unit with 8 interview rooms, 3 exam rooms, 2 one-way observation rooms and 4 multi-purpose rooms, 1 of which is specifically designed to support adults and children with sensory needs.
- Fully equipped phlebotomy and specimen processing space
- Flexible, modular dry lab spaces

Qualifications for this Position

An M.D., D.O., D.N.P., Ph.D. or other terminal degree with a record of peer-reviewed publications and receipt of extramural funding is required.

Positions are open at all career stages, with appointments at the assistant, associate or full professor level commensurate with experience, with priority for mid- to senior-level career stage. Generous start-up packages and opportunities for NCOAR and ACRI leadership roles are available.

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