

## Alzheimer's Trial Recruitment Innovation Lab Fellowship Program

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### OVERVIEW

The University of Southern California (USC) announces an opening for the inaugural fellow to join the Alzheimer's Trial Recruitment Innovation Lab (ATRIL) fellowship program in the fall of 2022. This 2-year program is designed to train and develop the next generation of researchers interested in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (AD/ADRD) clinical trials through a multidisciplinary, active and team-based learning program. The fellowship will include comprehensive seminars on AD/ADRD clinical trials, hands-on experience working on ATRIL's two projects, a mentored clinical research project using previously collected data, and monthly interactive seminars, virtual or in-person. The fellowship is funded through ATRIL's grant by the American Heart Association's Strategically-Focused Research Network (SFRN) on the [Science of Diversity in Clinical Trials](#) along with the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics, the USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute and Howard University. The fellowship stipend is \$85K per year.

### APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

- The fellowship curriculum is focused on academic research with a special interest in ADRD clinical trials. Thus, the ideal applicant is a post-doctoral researcher who has recently completed a PhD, MD or MD/PhD and has an interest in researching and/or leading future ADRD clinical trials.
- Because this SFRN aims to help end historical structures and workplace cultures that advertently or inadvertently treat people inequitably based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, veteran status or other factors, the applicant must be from a racial or ethnic group that is under-represented in science (Black/African-American; Hispanic/Latino; Native American or Alaska Native; and/or Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander) or an LGBTQ+ person or a woman.
- The fellowship program will support scientists across diverse domains of expertise to gain true expertise in ADRD clinical trials, so applicants are encouraged from a diverse range of programs such as gerontology, medicine, statistics, health policy, economics, and public policy. Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS

We are looking to recruit the first fellow as soon as possible. All interested applicants should submit a letter of intent to Alison Sexton Ward ([sextonwa@usc.edu](mailto:sextonwa@usc.edu)) and Rema Raman ([remar@usc.edu](mailto:remar@usc.edu)) immediately, and the following materials to Alison Sexton Ward within the following 2 weeks: (1) Personal statement outlining the applicant's research interest and future career plans, highlighting alignment with ATRIL's research area(s) and mission (please include applicant's current location and ability to relocate to USC); and (2) CV.

### ABOUT ATRIL

ATRIL is a collaboration between the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics, the USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute, and the Economics Department at Howard University. ATRIL's goal is to test novel recruitment methods that shift the focus from traditional research and healthcare settings towards community-based activities (decentralized recruitment) so that clinicians can reach diverse participants who are eligible for earlier intervention trials. The Center's two funded projects will build on an existing, online participant registry to engage, assess and recruit diverse (ethnic/racial, education, SES) participants for potential enrollment into a trial-ready cohort for immediate access to ongoing randomized clinical trials.