The Zucker Hillside Hospital is a 208-bed psychiatric facility located adjacent to the Long Island Jewish Medical Center on the border of Nassau County and Queens. The hospital is known for its pioneering work in the diagnosis, treatment, and research of mental illness.

The goal of the Zucker Hillside Hospital Medical Student Research Fellowship is to help fill the gap in funding available to medical students interested in research. The Fellowship provides the opportunity for medical students to engage in psychiatric research under the supervision of senior clinical and basic science investigators. By encouraging medical students to become active in research early in their careers, the hope is to foster a life-long interest in psychiatric research.

During the fellowship, students will be paired with primary investigators according to their specific interests in the field, and work as part of their research team. Research activities at the Zucker Hillside Hospital span a wide range of methodologies, including clinical trials, psychopharmacology, ECT, meta-analyses, early recognition and prevention, cognitive neuroscience, genetics and neuroimaging.

Specific disease areas of investigation include ADHD, aggressive spectrum disorders, bipolar disorders and early phase psychotic disorders in children and adolescents; first break and multi-episode bipolar disorder and schizophrenia as well as substance use disorder in adults; depression and Alzheimer's as well as other types of dementia in the elderly.

All medical students currently enrolled in the United States are eligible for the fellowship starting in the summer between their first and second years. The fellowship is available either as a summer placement or as an elective during the academic year. Although the ideal length of the fellowship is two months, requests for one to three months will also be considered. All students awarded the fellowship will receive a stipend of $1,250 per month for the length of the fellowship, regardless of any credits they may also be eligible for through their school.

Interested students should submit, via email, their CV and a letter describing why they feel they would benefit from the fellowship. Students should apply for the fellowship at least three months prior to their desired start date.

Applications, and any questions regarding the fellowship can be directed to Jerry Chang, MD, Director of Medical Student Education at Jchang4@nshs.edu or 718-470-8384.

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