

# Postdoctoral Training in Reproductive Mood Disorders



The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill hosts the only NIH funded postdoctoral training program in reproductive mood disorders. The program directed by David R. Rubinow, M.D. and Susan S. Girdler, Ph.D., is designed to train both MD and PhD scientists, and to foster the development of researchers with expertise in both the biological basis and clinically relevant (predictive) phenotypes of reproductive mood disorders (perinatal depression, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, and perimenopausal depression). The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill represents an ideal setting for this program because it possesses a vibrant women's mood disorders clinical program (which includes the first inpatient perinatal depression program in the United States), and a critical mass of researchers in reproductive mood disorders..

The program's emphasis is on training in pathophysiological *mechanisms* that underlie reproductive mood disorders, and will involve a broad-based and integrative perspective, involving not only psychiatry but cardiology, genetics, endocrinology, neuroscience, and obstetrics/gynecology. Trainees will develop expertise in at least one of four methodological training tracks: Neurosciences, Genetics, Stress Physiology, or Clinical Trials Methodology. Applications for this two year training program (with possible extension for a third year) are being accepted for a July 2014 start date. Salary is consistent with the NIH post-doctoral stipend levels. If interested, send your curriculum vitae and letter of interest to Susan Girdler, Ph.D.: [susan\\_girdler@med.unc.edu](mailto:susan_girdler@med.unc.edu) or Department of Psychiatry CB 7175 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC 27599