Director of Research - Lurie Center for Autism
Massachusetts General Hospital

The Lurie Center for Autism, a division of the Department of Pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), is seeking a qualified preclinical- or clinician-scientist to assume the position of Director of Research, Lurie Center for Autism, to lead and oversee our preclinical and translational research program. The incumbent of this endowed position will assume the title of Lurie Family [Associate] Professor of Pediatrics in the Field of Autism Research. It will be primarily based on the MGH main campus or the Charlestown Navy Yard campus of the MGH. The Lurie Center for Autism is an integrated clinical, research, training, and advocacy program dedicated to treating individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental disorders across the lifespan.

Responsibilities include providing leadership of the research mission of the Lurie Center for Autism, including currently active preclinical and translational research studies, developing and implementing original preclinical and translational research projects, maintaining and fostering collaborative research projects with current partners and establishing relationships with additional research laboratories and multi-disciplinary research teams within MGH and beyond. Depending on their focus, the candidate can expand the breadth of current research to include building expertise in areas related to health services research, life course perspectives, environmental factors, and impacts on families. The candidate will be expected to participate in ongoing conferences and educational activities at the Lurie Center and MGH.

The successful candidate should have strong research skills, including previous experience running an independent preclinical or translational research laboratory and program. The candidate will have a PhD, MD or MD/PhD, and significant experience as a principal investigator on externally funded research grants focused on the brain and development as they pertain to ASD and other neurodevelopmental disorders. The candidate should be experienced in mentoring students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty members in research techniques and approaches necessary to pursue preclinical and translational aspects of altered brain development, behaviors and health conditions particularly as they pertain to ASD and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Academic appointment as Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School, if teaching requirements are met, will be commensurate with experience, qualifications and achievements.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions or any other characteristic protected by law.

Applicants should send a letter of intent and their curriculum vitae to:

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