The University of Melbourne and Peking University
Centre for Psychiatry Research and Training

Department of Psychiatry
Leading Mental Health Research Across the Lifespan
Purpose
The University of Melbourne and Peking University Centre for Psychiatry Research and Training has been established to grow collaborative psychiatric research and build the research capacity of mental health professionals from both Australia and China.

Management
The University of Melbourne and Peking University Centre for Psychiatry Research and Training is co-managed by the University of Melbourne and Peking University.

Core programs
PhD student exchange traineeships
The Centre will jointly train PhD students enrolled at the University of Melbourne or Peking University. The exchange traineeship will provide a period of international research and/or training that is supervised by an expert or specialist in the trainee’s field of interest. The traineeship experience will range from 3 to 12 months in length depending on student’s research and/or training goals.

Support for travel and living expenses for the time spent away from the ‘home’ institution will be supported by the Centre or other available funding schemes.

Each PhD student will have a minimum of two supervisors, one from the University of Melbourne and one from Peking University. Each supervisor will be supported by a supervisory committee that will meet annually to discuss student progress.

Post-Doctoral exchange fellowship
The Centre will also support a limited number of Post-Doctoral exchanges. Individual applications and proposals will be processed with funding secured through joint applications and proposals.
Research

The Department of Psychiatry, the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne’s Department of Psychiatry is internationally recognised for its unique and world-leading strengths around biological and translational psychiatry. The Department’s clinical collaborations and involvement in mental health policy and practice provides a stimulating environment for world-class learning and research training programs. These research activities span across generations, ranging from infancy, adult, women’s mental health, through to old age.

Peking University Institute of Mental Health

The Institute of Mental Health, the Sixth Affiliated Hospital of Peking University, also known as the School of Mental Health, Peking University, is an integrated centre for psychiatric service, training and research. The only National Key Laboratory for Mental Health founded by the Chinese Ministry of Health is located at the Institute.

Common research interests

The University of Melbourne’s Department of Psychiatry and Peking University’s Institute of Mental Health have common research interests that will enable research and training collaborations across both institutions.

The Centre’s research interests are:

- **Biological psychiatry**
  - Genetics
  - Neuroimaging
  - Psychopharmacology
  - Neuropathology
  - Neuropsychology

- **Child psychiatry**
  - ADHD
  - Autism
  - Psychotic disorders
  - Mood disorders

- **Social psychiatry**
  - Epidemiology
  - Suicide prevention
  - Trauma/PTSD
  - Mental health policy
  - Psychosocial research
  - Rehabilitation

- **Adult psychiatry**
  - Schizophrenia
  - Mood disorders
  - Substance use disorders
  - Geriatric psychiatry
  - HIV and mental health

How to apply

To apply for a traineeship or exchange fellowship, please email mp-jointcentre@unimelb.edu.au