

Our Alumni: Where Are They Now?

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai NIDA Training Program has strengthened considerably in recent years. Our trainees have authored or co-authored publications in leading journals, including *Science*, *Neuron*, *Cell*, and *Journal of Neuroscience*, and have been recruited to academic positions at various institutions.

Many of our former fellows have faculty positions and have obtained investigator initiated awards, including those from NIDA:

- [Jennifer Bartz, PhD](#) - Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, McGill University and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- [Marta Filizola, PhD](#) - Associate Professor, Department of Structural and Chemical Biology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- [Danielle Halpern, PsyD](#) - Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Seaver Autism Center, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- [Michelle M. Jacobs, PhD](#) - Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Alicia Kaplan, MD - Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Drexel University
- Andrew Kolodny, MD - Chief Medical Officer, Phoenix House
- Mary Kay Lobo, PhD - Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- [Susana Neves, PhD](#) - Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Systems Therapeutics, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Dinah Ramos-Ortaloza, PhD - Assistant Professor, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
- Jeremy Seto, PhD - Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, New York City College of Technology, CUNY
- [Ting Wang, PhD](#) - Assistant Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Many of our previous trainees have gone to leadership positions:

- Eva Chmielnicki, PhD - Academic Research Manager, Academic Relations and Collaborations Group, Roche
- Michael DeVivo, PhD - Director, Translational Medicine in Neuroscience, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- Frank Guarneri, PhD - Founder and CSO, PAKA Pulmonary Pharmaceuticals; Principal Founding Scientist, Locus Pharmaceuticals



- Sallie Jo Hadley, MD - Medical Director, Covance; Director, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- [Lidija Ivic, PhD](#) - Director of Research Administration, Department of Neurology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Peihua Jiang, PhD - Assistant Member, Monell Chemical Senses Center
- Jennifer Johnston, PhD - Senior Scientist, Global Structural Chemistry Department, Merck & Co. Pharmaceuticals
- Amin Mazloom, PhD - Senior Bioinformatics Scientist, Sequenom Inc.
- Michael Michaelides, PhD - Tenure-track Investigator, Behavioral Imaging and Molecular Neuropsychopharmacology Unit Chief, Neuroimaging Research Branch, NIDA
- Stephen Taubenfeld, PhD - Senior Analyst/Portfolio Manager Biotech, Bellevue Asset Management
- Alexander Vinitzky, PhD - President and CSO, Affina Biotechnologies; Principal, ARVYS Proteins Inc.
- Yana Zorina, PhD - Scientist I-Cell Biologist, Acorda Therapeutics Inc.