



Oregon Health & Science University  
& Veterans Affairs  
**Multiple Sclerosis &  
Neuroimmunology Fellowship**

*Leaders in multiple sclerosis care and research*



Oregon Health & Science University  
Multiple Sclerosis Center

**VA**



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration  
*Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence*

# About the MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

- The OHSU MS Center, in conjunction with the VA MS Center of Excellence at the VA Portland HCS, offers **fully funded** MS and Neuroimmunology fellowship positions
  - Fellowships have guaranteed support, including fringe benefits and a competitive salary based on the next PGY level
  - 1-year clinical **adult** or **pediatric** fellowship
  - 2-year clinical and research **adult** fellowship, with an optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year for research
- Positions typically begin July of each year, but the start date is negotiable
- The fellowship is NOT ACGME accredited

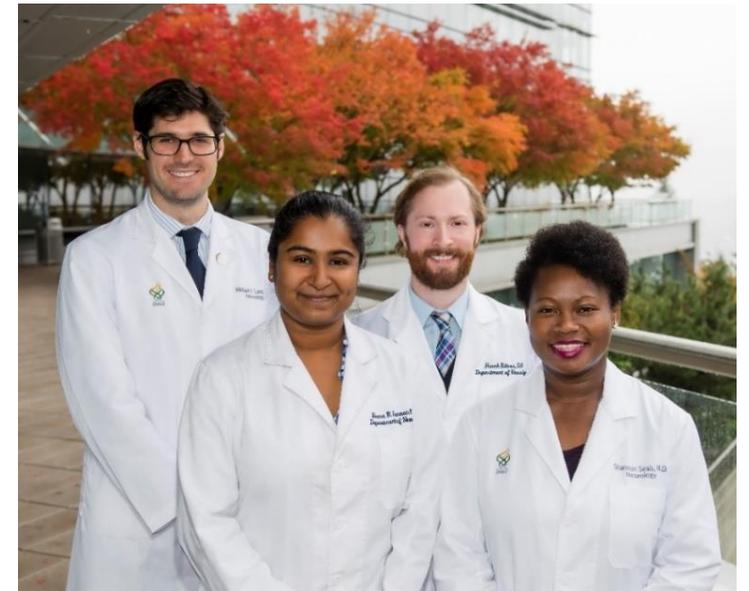


OHSU & VA Portland HCS Campus

# About the MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

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- Training provided within a public and federal hospital as well as inclusion in a national VA organization setting standards of excellence in VA MS care
  - Fellows have their own clinics and patient panels, with staffing available at every clinic
- Fellows can customize their training to focus on their areas of interest and long-term career goals
- 2-year fellows attend OHSU's Human Investigations Program, while all fellows have opportunities to initiate or collaborate on research projects
  - Fellows enhance their understanding of clinical and translational research and gain practical skills in conducting successful research studies



2017-2018 Fellows

# About the MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

- A weekly local MS team didactics series is provided as well as inclusion in a national bi-monthly educational series for fellows
- Opportunities to participate in educational programs, virtual and face-to-face
  - Lectures at local, regional, and national programs for health care professionals or patients
  - Authorship for national newsletters for Veterans with MS and VA health care professionals
  - Patient podcast
- Most 2-year fellows graduate with co-authorship on 3+ manuscripts and give 2+ lectures



Weekly virtual didactics series

# About the OHSU MS Center

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- Founded in 1983
- One of the top programs in the country for the care of MS and related disorders
- Over 1,500 people followed in clinics
- Affiliated with the VA Portland VA HCS which follows over 350 Veterans in MS clinics
- Member of the Consortium of MS Centers, Race to Erase MS Center Without Walls, a network of the nation's top MS institutions, including Harvard, UC San Francisco, Yale, USC, UCLA and Johns Hopkins



Dr. Jacqueline Bernard, OHSU MS faculty and clinical mentor

# About the VA MS Center of Excellence

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- Established by the Veterans Health Administration in 2003
- There are two national MSCoE coordinating Centers within the VA, MSCoE East (Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC) and MSCoE West (Seattle, WA and Portland, OR)
- Improves the quality and consistency of health care services delivered to Veterans with MS across the country through a national network of MS providers
- Conducts clinical, epidemiologic, health services and basic science research
- Provides a national program of MS education for health care professionals, Veterans and caregivers



# OHSU & VA MS Centers Memberships

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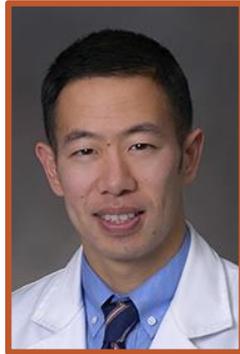
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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTERS



# MS Centers Faculty



Vijayshree Yadav  
MD, MCR, FANA, FAAN  
Director, OHSU MS Center  
Director, Fellowship



Edward Kim  
MD



Lindsey Woolscroft  
MD, MS



Elizabeth Silbermann  
MD



Jacqueline Bernard  
MD, FAAN



Xinran Maria Xiang  
MD  
Co-Director, Fellowship



Michael Lane  
MD



Christopher Hollen  
MD



Rebecca Spain  
MD, MSPH, FAAN

Many of our MS Physicians  
graduated from the OHSU/VA  
fellowship!

# Comprehensive Care for Patients

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## *Expansive Clinical and Research MS Multidisciplinary Team*

- Infusion and pharmacy
- Rehabilitation: Physical, Occupational, Cognitive
- Neuro-ophthalmology
- Urology
- Neuropsychology/Psychiatry
- Sleep specialists
- Pain Clinic
- Neuropathology
- Pediatric neurology
- Neuroradiology
- Neurosurgery
- Rheumatology
- Complementary Therapies: Naturopath, Acupuncture
- Research assistants and coordinators
- Complimentary access to OHSU's exercise facility
- Educational opportunities for patients and care partners

# MS Centers Clinical Research



# MS Centers & Basic Science Research

Oligodendrocytes  
Ben Emory  
Kelly Monk–Zebra  
Fish  
Greg Duncan

Astrocytes  
Mishra  
Mark Freeman

Myelin  
Ben Emory  
Kelly Monk

Mitochondria  
Mark Freeman  
Richard Goodman

Others  
Exercise physiology lab - Kerry Kuehl  
Casey Eye Institute - David Huang  
Gut Microbiome - Lisa Karsten  
Balance lab - Fay Horak  
Vandenbark/Offner lab  
Soom Salinthon lab  
Amla Soumyanath lab

Axonal  
degeneration

OHSU MS  
Center  
Research

Glia-glia  
interactions  
Mark Freeman  
(Drosophila)

Vollum  
Institute

Primate  
Center  
Scott Wong

Imaging  
Bill Rooney

Animal  
models of  
MS

Junger's  
Center

Physiology and  
Pharmacology  
Thomas Scanlan

# Interest in MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship

- Applications for the **adult** fellowship should be completed and submitted through [sfmatch.org](https://sfmatch.org)
- Applicants interested in the **pediatric** fellowship should submit the following material by e-mail
  - Resume
  - Letter of interest
  - 3 recommendation letters
- Applications are accepted September 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of February during the PGY 3 year
- Interviews are in the fall, 2 years before the fellowship start date
- There are typically 2-3 newly hired fellows each year
- Questions about the fellowship should be addressed to Dr. VJ Yadav at [yadavv@ohsu.edu](mailto:yadavv@ohsu.edu)



2021-2022 Fellows

# What to Expect Following the MS & Neuroimmunology Fellowship Interview

- Employment decisions are made at the end of February
- If selected, and the position is accepted, a formal offer letter will be sent to the applicant
- At the start of the fellowship year, January or early February, you will be contacted by OHSU and VA to begin the boarding process
  - The OHSU and VA processes for boarding/hiring and credentialing are separate



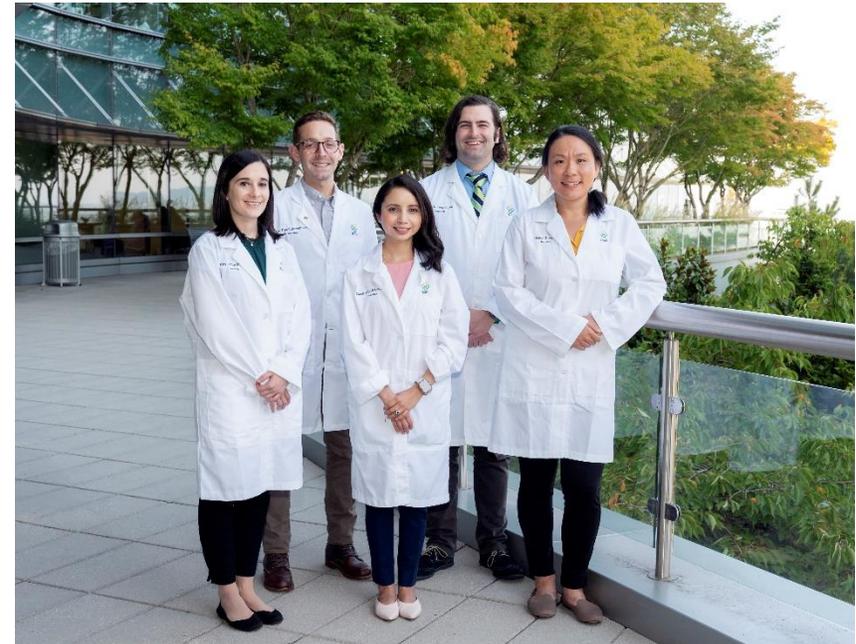
2020-2021 Fellows

# Fellowship Questions?

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For questions regarding the fellowship, please contact one of the following:

- **Vijayshree Yadav** - [yadavv@ohsu.edu](mailto:yadavv@ohsu.edu)  
Fellowship Director
- **Jaimie Henry** - [Jaimie.Henry@va.gov](mailto:Jaimie.Henry@va.gov)  
Fellowship Coordinator



2022-23 Fellows



# Join the OHSU & VA MS Team

*Our mission, help people with MS lead the best possible quality of life by providing comprehensive patient care services, community and physician education opportunities, and to be a world leader in research in our quest to find cure for MS.*