NIMH Training Program in Emotion Research (TPER) 2021-2022

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Congratulations! Welcome to one of the longest-running training programs sponsored by NIMH—we’re in our 32nd year! Just in case it hasn’t been said, you are among the best of the best. The Training Program in Emotion Research (TPER) has many more post-doc applicants and pre-doc nominees every year than are ultimately selected. Being selected to join the program is a high honor that you can add to your CV with pride. Following is an overview of our program.

Enrollment for Pre-docs:

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in order to maintain your trainee status. This means that you must enroll EVERY semester, including summer.
- Non-dissertators: For fall and spring semesters you must register for a minimum of 8 credits, and during the summer you must register for a minimum of 2 credits. More than 2 credits may be needed to meet tuition requirements for full time status.
- Dissertators: You must register for 3 credits every semester.

Orientation:

- Orientation will be held Monday, September 20th at 12:30 for one hour at CHM's Kennedy Building, 625 W. Washington Ave., in the Large Gathering Room on the 2nd floor. Dr. Richard Davidson's executive assistant, Max Koch, will let you into the building and will take you to the room. Jane Lambert will join via Zoom, and Dr. Davidson will attend in person.
  - 12:30: Jane Lambert will review the training program requirements and expectations as well as any updates and changes.
  - 1:00: Trainees will introduce themselves, and then Dr. Davidson and the trainees will schedule monthly Emotion Group meetings, assigning trainee leaders to each meeting.
- If you cannot attend the Orientation, please email Dr. Davidson and Jane Lambert (EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu) in advance with the date ranges when you expect to be out of town and unable to lead an Emotion Group meeting.
- If you cannot attend the Orientation and do not submit your Emotion Group availability in advance, an Emotion Group meeting date will be assigned to you.

Emotion Group:

- You must attend every monthly Emotion Group meeting this academic year. Notify your faculty mentor, Dr. Davidson, and Jane Lambert (EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu) via email in advance if

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you absolutely cannot attend a meeting; include the date and time of the meeting you will miss, and the compelling reason why you cannot attend.

- You will be required to (co-)lead one of the Emotion Group meetings each year that you are in the training program. See the section below on “Leading an Emotion Group Meeting” for suggestions and guidelines.
- The Emotion Group was originally formed as an activity only for the trainees appointed to the Training Program in Emotion Research. Currently any faculty, postdoc, scientist, and graduate student who is interested in learning more about and discussing emotion research is welcome to attend.

**Publications and the NIH Public Access Policy:**

- The [NIH Public Access Policy](https://nlm.nih.gov/pubs/ini/policies.html) requires scientists to submit all final peer-reviewed journal manuscripts that arise from NIH funds to PubMed Central (PMC) to ensure that the public has access to the published results of NIH funding research.
- If a journal publisher does not submit to PMC on behalf of authors, the responsibly for submission to PMC falls on authors.
- UW Public Access Service: [BuckySubmit](https://buckySubmit.wisc.edu) is UW’s one-stop service that you can use to submit your papers in a way that meets compliance rules for public access.

**Grant Information:**

- You should acknowledge the grant in any publication written as part of your training this year or in publications in future years that arise from your training.
- You will need to use the grant number above when you submit your manuscripts to NIH’s Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system, which you are required to do in order to comply with the NIH Public Access Policy. (See “Publications and the NIH Public Access Policy” section, above.)

**Grant Acknowledgement:**

- Each publication, press release or other document about research supported by an NIH award must include an acknowledgment of NIH grant support and disclaimer such as:
  - “Research reported in this publication was supported by the National Institute of Mental Health of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number T32MH018931. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health.”
- Prior to issuing a press release concerning the outcome of this research, please notify NIMH in advance to allow for coordination (email Jane Lambert for the NIMH contact info).

**Yearly Travel Allowance:**

- Applications for travel funding will be awarded at the Director’s discretion.
- Application instructions and available travel fund amounts will be announced in the Fall.
Responsible Conduct of Research:

- The NIH policy on the Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR) requires you to attend face-to-face training for at least 8 hours over the course of a semester. Instruction must be undertaken at least once during each career stage and at a frequency no less than once every 4 years. Additionally, this is required during the first year of each trainee’s appointment to this training grant.
- We will need documentation that acceptable instruction has been completed.
- The research ethics seminar “Waisman Ethics & Professional Development (WEPD) Seminar Series” will fulfill this requirement.
- For additional information on RCR:

Annual Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion:

- You are required to participate in the annual Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion by acting as a discussant for featured speakers. Preparatory meetings for this will be announced in early Spring.
- Pre-docs are required to register for Psych 711 Affective Neuroscience: WI Symposium on Emotion seminar led by Dr. Davidson each Spring semester.
  - Post-docs are expected to audit the course.

Seminar on Emotion

- You are required to participate in the Seminar on Emotion in alternate years. Each week, a different TPER faculty member will visit the seminar to share their views of emotion, and to highlight the variety of methods, approaches, and populations they study.
- Pre-docs are required to register for Psych 711 Seminar on Emotion led by Dr. Seth Pollak in Fall of odd-numbered years.
  - Post-docs are expected to audit the course.

Annual Progress Report:

- We are required to submit an annual progress report on the training program to NIMH each spring. This report is extremely important, as it serves as NIMH’s primary method for tracking and evaluating our training program, and deciding if they will continue to fund the program or not.
- As part of this report, we are required to provide information regarding your research and coursework and a list of publications you have written while here at the UW, as well as current IRB information and your IDPs (see below for more IDP details).
- Jane Lambert will request this information in January 2022 and your timely response is appreciated.

NIH xTrain Appointment/Termination Forms:

- In order to receive a stipend, you are required by NIH to fill out and submit an appointment form at the start of each year that you are in the program, and to submit a termination (or continuation) form at the end of each year. These forms are submitted electronically via NIH’s xTrain module within the eRA Commons system.
- Post-docs are also required to submit a payback agreement form at the start of their first year with the program; this is a paper form rather than electronic.

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• Jane Lambert will contact you about submission of these forms if necessary.

**ORCID ID:**

• NIH policy requires trainees to have “ORCID iDs” (Open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers) to relate publications to grants.
• When you process your training grant appointment in xTrain, you’ll get an alert asking you to associate an ORCID identifier with your eRA Commons Personal Profile (and if you don’t have an ORCID iD yet, xTrain will give you a link to create one).

**Individual Development Plan (IDP):**

• An Individual Development Plan is a required tool to help you:
  o Assess your current skills and strengths.
  o Make a plan for developing skills that will help you met your academic/professional goals.
  o Communicate with your advisors and mentors about your evolving goals and related skills.
• The IDP you create is a document you will need to update and define as your goals change and/or come into focus, and to record your progress and accomplishments.
• All trainees supported by NIH awards are required to use Individual Development Plans. We will be reporting on your use of IDPs in the annual progress report due early 2022, so you must get started on creating/editing your own IDP this fall semester!
• UW-Madison IDP: [https://grad.wisc.edu/professional-development/individual-development-plan/](https://grad.wisc.edu/professional-development/individual-development-plan/)

**Post-Program Requirements:**

• NIH requires that you provide us with updates for 15 years after you join the program, so we will contact you annually to ask for:
  o your publication list
  o your academic / professional career positions
• Please be sure to update your current (professional or personal) email address with Jane Lambert (EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu) whenever it changes after you leave the program.

**TPER Website:** [https://emotion.wisc.edu/](https://emotion.wisc.edu/)

• Meetings:
  o List of the 2021-2022 Emotion Group Meetings (date/time, leader, topic, readings, location)
• Info for Current Trainees
  o This information sheet
  o Program terms for postdocs
  o NIH Public Access Policy
  o IDP information
  o Trainee travel awards info and link to UW Box
• Info for Participating Faculty (to come)
• People
  o Trainees

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Leading an Emotion Group Meeting

All trainees are required to (co-)lead one Emotion Group meeting each year, and to attend all Emotion Group meetings held that year. Trainees are expected to read the article for each meeting in advance, and to participate in the discussion at each meeting.

Meeting Overview

- There are typically 8 Emotion Group meetings each year, and they will be held roughly once per month through May.
- Meeting location (in person, Zoom, or hybrid) and time will be discussed at the Orientation with Dr. Davidson and may be subject to change as the pandemic continues.
- The format for the coming year will be discussed at the Orientation with Dr. Davidson and will reflect the input from the trainees.
  - Last year, the format was for the group to read two articles at each meeting to discuss classical theories, issues, and historical debates that still inform questions that are of interest today. The leader(s) selected an article by a contemporary affective scientist who has written about classical issues, and an older piece referred to in the contemporary piece.
- The meetings are intentionally and explicitly informal; there are no presentations. The meetings are led — but not dominated — by the trainee(s) leading the meetings. These meetings are opportunities to sit down with faculty members in a friendly atmosphere and to deeply consider and discuss scientific topics that are of great interest to all. They are also opportunities for faculty and trainees to get together socially, and to get to know each other as individuals.

Leading a Meeting

Trainees will need to do 4 things in order to lead a meeting:

1. **Months in advance** of the meeting:
   - Let Dr. Davidson and Jane Lambert (EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu) know the topic of the meeting you will lead. Provide a very short, 1 – 10 word description of the general topic of the meeting. Faculty always want to know the topic of a meeting well in advance.

2. **One month in advance of the meeting**, if not sooner:
   - If the group decides to continue using last year’s format: Select two papers to discuss at the meeting: an article by a contemporary affective scientist who has written about classical issues, and an older piece referred to in the contemporary piece. The articles should be brief and should speak to your meeting’s topic.
   - Email a PDF of the articles to Dr. Davidson for his approval.
     - Be sure to cc: Jane Lambert (EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu) AND Dr. Davidson’s executive assistant, Max Koch (mdkoch@wisc.edu).

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3. **Two weeks in advance of the meeting**, if not sooner:
   - Email PDFs of the approved articles to EmotionT32Grant@bi.wisc.edu. Jane Lambert will post it to the Emotion Group webpage and will email the meeting notice to the group.

4. **At the meeting:**
   - Be prepared with several specific features of the article or points related to your topic that you’d like to discuss. Be ready to give a brief overview of the article for people who have not had a chance to (fully) read it before the meeting.
   - Lead, but do not dominate, the discussion. If the conversation lags, bring up another article feature or point to discuss.
   - Most importantly, relax. This is a casual conversation in a friendly environment. You aren’t expected—or wanted—to perform or to give a presentation.
   - Meeting leaders are not expected to bring anything to their meeting beyond the readings and their camaraderie. They’ve already found a topic for the discussion and provided thought-provoking reading; their job (aside from discussion) is done.