



Alzheimer's Disease Research
Center (ADRC)

Research Education Component (REC) Scholars 2023-2024

The ADRC REC Scholar Program provides multidisciplinary, inter- and cross-institutional training for early-career investigators of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. REC Scholars participate in mentored research and receive Alzheimer's disease research and professional development training.

REC Scholars 2023-2024



Naomi Gaggi, PhD

She/Her/Hers

REC Scholar 2023-2024
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Psychiatry, NYU Langone Health
Mentors: Henry Rusinek, PhD, and Ricardo Osorio, MD

Project: The effects of transcranial photobiomodulation on cerebral hemodynamics in early Alzheimer's disease.



Alexis Merdjanoff, PhD

She/Her/Hers

REC Scholar 2023-2024
Assistant Professor
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, NYU School of Global and Public Health
Mentor: Yongzhao Shao, PhD

Project: How disaster resilience mediates the relationship between disaster exposure and successful aging for older adults, and the design and piloting of an intervention to increase disaster resilience in older adults.



Brianna Morgan, PhD

She/Her/Hers

REC Scholar 2023-2024
Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Medicine, NYU Langone Health
Mentors: Joshua Chodosh, MD, and Karyn Marsh, PhD

Project: The relationship between positive psychosocial factors and health outcomes.



Komal Murali, PhD

She/Her/Hers

REC Scholar 2023-2024
Assistant Professor
NYU Rory Myers College of Nursing
Mentor: Omonigho Bubu, MD, MPH, PhD

Project: Barriers to hospice care transitions for diverse persons living with dementia.

REC Affiliates & Junior Scholars 2023-2024



Oliver Cesar

He/Him/His

REC Affiliate 2023-2024
Program Coordinator
Department of Psychiatry, NYU Langone Health
Mentor: Mark Bernard, PhD

Project: How measures of sleep quality relate to Alzheimer's disease biomarkers and pathology.



Renee Chinaea

She/Her/Hers

REC Affiliate 2023-2024
Research Intern
Massachusetts General Hospital
Mentor: Melissa Hernández-Frausto, PhD

Project: Understand how excitatory projections from the lateral entorhinal cortex to CA1 in the hippocampus are involved in contextual memory in healthy control mice.

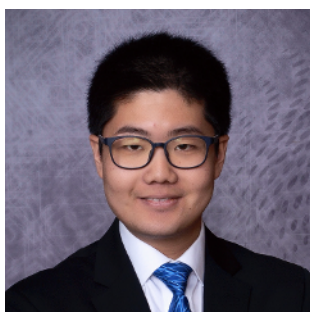


Ryn Flaherty

He/Him/His

Junior REC Scholar 2023-2024
Graduate Research Assistant (PhD Candidate)
Department of Radiology, NYU Langone Health
Mentor: Arjun Masurkar, MD, PhD

Project: Diffusion MRI in the anterior and posterior hippocampus of people with subjective cognitive decline.



Anthony Song, MA

He/Him/His

Junior REC Scholar 2023-2024
Assistant Research Scientist
Department of Psychiatry, NYU Langone Health
Mentor: Ricardo Osorio, MD

Project: Examining differences in amyloid tracer uptake and cerebrovascular reactivity to carbon dioxide in cognitively normal older individuals with and without severe obstructive sleep apnea.

REC Scholars Program Alumni

2022

Ana Luisa Giusti Pedrosa

Affiliate 2022-2023

Melissa Hernández-Frausto, PhD

Scholar 2022-2023

Michael O'Dea

Junior Scholar 2022-2023

Kendra Ray, PhD

Scholar 2022-2023

Timothy (Cliff) Whetung

Junior Scholar 2022-2023

Yue Xiao

Affiliate 2022-2023

REC Scholars Program Alumni

2021

Janerra Allen

Affiliate 2021-2023

Hayley Belli, PhD

Scholar 2021-2023

Mark Bernard, PhD

Scholar 2021-2023

Anthony Briggs, PhD

Scholar 2021-2023

Anna Chen

Junior Scholar 2021-2023

Sachita Gupta

Affiliate 2021-2023

Mitchell Martí

Junior Scholar 2021-2023

Marcus Phan

Affiliate 2021-2022

Arelis Romero

Affiliate 2021-2023

Jianina Suazo

Affiliate 2021-2023

Amanda Zhao, MD

Junior Scholar 2021-2022

REC Scholars Program Alumni

2020

Olesia Bilash

Junior Scholar 2020-2022

Paul Frazel

Junior Scholar 2020-2022

Tim Gallagher, MD

Scholar 2020-2021

Lindsey Gurin, MD

Scholar 2020-2022

Katherine Kim, MD

Junior Scholar 2020-2021

Daniel Talmasov, MD

Scholar 2020-2022

Sujata Thawani, MD, PhD

Scholar 2020-2022

Shirley Wu, MD

Scholar 2020-2021