



The University of Kansas is pleased to announce a cluster hire of three tenure/tenure-track faculty positions to support an initiative in *Biobehavioral Approaches to Neurodevelopmental Disorders*.

KU seeks highly talented faculty to develop breakthroughs in etiological mechanisms, preventive approaches, and intervention methods to reduce the challenges for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders.

This initiative builds on KU's 50-year history of research excellence in neurodevelopmental disorders and lays the foundation for new and unprecedented directions of discovery.

Established Strengths

- Translational research
- Behavioral assessments
- Early identification of affected individuals
- Teaching and intervention
- Etiological factors

Emerging Strengths

- Genomics studies
- Big data instrumentation and next generation quantitative analysis
- Genetic studies of humans and animal models
- Advancing biobehavioral phenotypes of neurodevelopmental disorders

KU's cross-disciplinary approach, which bridges behavioral neurosciences and genetics, will lead to discoveries in neurodevelopmental disorders and translational science, as well as develop graduate curricula to prepare scientists of the future. The initiative is based in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, which has authorized faculty searches for three academic units and one research center. The positions will be part of the following highly competitive and well-ranked programs with long histories of research excellence:

- The Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences and Disorders, consistently ranked in the top 10 nationally
- The Clinical Child Psychology doctoral program, ranked fifth in the U.S.
- The Child Language Doctoral Program, continuously funded by NIH T32 training grant awards for 25 years
- The Life Span Institute, an Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center operating with external awards in excess of \$28 million and funded by NICHD since 1967

Due to the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of this new initiative, applicants for one position will be considered for positions in all three departments. Ranks vary depending on experience and program needs.

KU is investing in the future by creating 64 faculty positions—12 of which will be Foundation Professorships—that will further our mission of growth and innovation and rank us among the best of our fellow AAU institutions. More information about Foundation Professors at KU may be found at foundation.ku.edu.

Individuals who want to engage in our effort to enhance human health and development locally and across the globe are encouraged to apply. KU is committed to promoting well-being and finding cures through research spanning pharmaceutical science and neurological studies, age-related health needs, speech and language, cancer therapies, and more.

You may learn more about the *Biobehavioral Approaches to Neurodevelopmental Disorders* initiative and available positions at lsi.ku.edu/band_initiative.

KU recognizes that to be a world-class leader in making new discoveries, it must also be a world-class employer that recognizes the importance of diversity and equal opportunity in hiring. KU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, gender identity, gender expression, and genetic information in the university's programs and activities.