Symposium on the
Emerging Genetics
and Neurobiology of
Severe Mental Illness

This two-day symposium will bring together leading scientists who work on the emerging genetics and biology of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, autism and other mental illnesses. These illnesses cause lifelong disability in millions of people—combined, almost 3% of the world’s population is affected. We believe the timing of this symposium is ideal, as recent genetic findings are beginning to point to a new molecular understanding of the underlying pathophysiology as well as the commonalities and differences among these diseases. This is a particularly exciting time, as these genetic discoveries point to biological underpinnings, revealing vast opportunities for new treatments. With such remarkable prospects for building and enhancing the field, this symposium is particularly interested in attracting graduate students and postdoctoral associates who wish to attend.