

Dr. Iverson Bell, Jr. Faculty Fellowship Award

The Dr. Iverson Bell, Jr. Faculty Fellowship Award promotes the professional growth of outstanding Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) psychiatrists to create a pipeline for involvement within AADPRT and to provide recognition of the awardee's potential to contribute to the field of psychiatry. There is a need for mentorship, support and recognition of faculty who are URiM, especially junior and mid-career faculty, to not only lift them up, but to hear their voices and acknowledge their contributions. AADPRT will benefit from supporting a diverse group of members to engage in the organization and increase pathways to leadership.

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Dr. Sidney Hankerson is Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Community Engagement in the Department of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is also Director of Mental Health Equity Research in the Institute for Health Equity Research (IHER) at Mount Sinai. His research focuses on reducing racial/ethnic disparities in mental health treatment. He is a nationally recognized expert at engaging faith- and community-based organizations to increase access to culturally relevant mental health care.



Dr. Hankerson has presented at the White House, United Nations, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Gracie Mansion (NYC Mayor's Office), and numerous national academic conferences. He currently serves on the National Football League's (NFL) Mental Wellness Committee. The National Academy of Medicine selected Dr. Hankerson as one of 10 physicians in the U.S. for its Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Program in 2021. He was an inaugural member of the American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Council of Faith and Community Partnerships and served on the APA Council of Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Hankerson completed a dual MD/MBA program from Emory University and completed a NIMH-funded post-doctoral research fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center.