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Managing Director

Cara Altimus, PhD is managing director of BD² and a senior director at the [Milken Institute](#) where she leads the Center's biomedical philanthropy portfolio. A PhD neuroscientist, Altimus developed and leads the Center's work on bipolar disorder. Aligning the interests of multiple philanthropists, the research and clinical field, and people with lived experience, she facilitated the development of BD² from concept to reality.



Daniel Pham, PhD
Program Director

Daniel Pham, PhD is a program director of the BD² Research Programs and an associate director at the [Milken Institute](#). He has played a lead role in building the foundation for BD², cultivating productive collaborations and co-authoring multiple publications on bipolar disorder. Pham also researched and wrote the Institute's Giving Smarter Guide, "Giving Smarter: Philanthropic Opportunities to Advance Bipolar Disorder Research."



Emily Baxi, PhD
Program Director

Emily Baxi, PhD is a program director of the BD² Integrated Network for Bipolar Disorder program and a director at the [Milken Institute](#). She joined the team in January 2022 to operationalize and lead the Integrated Network program. Baxi was an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University where she served as the executive director of the Packard Center for ALS Research and program director for Answer ALS, a multi-institutional ALS research program.