The neurokinin-1 receptor (NK1R) is the primary endogenous target of the neuropeptide substance P. The NK1R has been shown to mediate stress, anxiety, depression, pain processing, and drug/alcohol responses. Over the last several years, we have demonstrated a role of the NK1R in stress-elicited alcohol seeking in multiple rodent models including stress-induced reinstatement and social defeat stress. These behaviors are mediated by NK1R activity in regions of the extended amygdala including the nucleus accumbens shell and central nucleus of the amygdala.