



VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the

VHA Center for Integrated Healthcare

Applications are Currently Being Accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the VHA Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH) Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship which is housed at the VA Western NY Healthcare System (VAWNYHS), Buffalo, NY. This is a two-year position commencing in the summer of 2013. Programmatic emphasis is on research and clinical training experience in Integrated Primary Care and Geropsychology. The fellow's distribution of effort will be 75% research and 25% clinical.

The mission of CIH's Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship Program is to train psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers in the high priority area of mental health care for Veterans, specifically in the area of Integrated Primary Care. The clinical and research focus of CIH is to improve the health of veterans by supporting the implementation of empirically-based methods of Integrated Primary Care. Numerous research opportunities within this context are available. More information about CIH can be found at <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/coe/cih-visn2/index.asp>.

Postdoctoral fellows will work collaboratively with CIH mentors on research related to brief mental health interventions and assessments appropriate for the primary care setting. These include but are not limited to novel approaches to population-based mental health care related to depression in older adults, dementia, pain, PTSD and substance use disorders. The fellows will also receive didactics and supervised experience in direct clinical service in the integrated primary care setting as well as in the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic.

Fellows will be provided with national didactic training opportunities. Information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Illness, Education, and Clinical Centers Fellowship Program can be found at: <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc-fellowship.asp>

Prospective Fellows, in addition to having completed an APA-accredited pre-doctoral psychology internship, must have earned their doctoral degree from an APA-accredited graduate program.

Fellows receive an annual salary starting at \$43,283 with an increase in salary for each subsequent year for two years plus fringe benefits. A competitive third year of support is available for fellows who wish to continue in the program beyond the contractual two years. Fringe benefits include retirement plan options, health care benefits, an accrual of 10 paid days for federal holidays, 13 paid vacation days and 13 paid sick days annually. In addition to these leave days, fellows are granted authorized absence to attend professional and educational meetings or conventions outside the VA. Fellows also receive up to \$1,000 per year paid through our center, in support of travel and other expenses associated with attendance at a professional conference or seminar. While on Fellowship placements, fellows have professional liability coverage through the Federal Tort Claims Act. Similar to other Medical Center

employees, fellows work a 40-hour week, with a standard workday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, with a half-hour for lunch. Per VA policy, full time trainees are given credit for 2,080 hours of training for the complete year.

Start Date: Approximately July 1, 2013

Number of Post-Doctoral Positions: 1

Stipend: \$43,283

Benefits: Health Insurance, 13 days paid vacation and up to 13 days of sick leave

Length of program: 24 months

Application Procedure:

All application materials should be received no later than January 4, 2013.

To apply candidates should submit the following:

1. Detailed vitae describing background training and experience, description of internship, and other scholarly activity and research.
2. Three letters of recommendation. *Must be from **previous** supervisors.*
3. Official transcripts of your graduate work sent directly by your university.
4. Writing Samples. *Please send a **scholarly work sample and clinical case report***
5. Cover Letter/Letter of Intent: The letter should clearly describe how your career goals and interests are aligned with the fellowship training opportunities.

****Applicants are encouraged to email the materials (if possible) directly to randy.allen@va.gov, the Center for Integrated Healthcare Training Specialist. Unofficial Transcripts and e-mailed letters are acceptable until official transcripts and signed letters arrive.

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